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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Crematorium scandal: A federal judge has approved a settlement agreement between family members and a Rome, Ga., crematory operator accused of failing to burn hundreds of corpses.

The agreement, which was approved Thursday by U.S. District Judge Harold L. Murphy, says the plaintiffs in the civil suit cannot go after the assets of Ray Brent Marsh or his family.

Instead the \$80 million settlement, which was first proposed in August, will come from Marsh's insurance company, Georgia Farm Bureau. The case stems from the discovery of 334 decaying bodies at the Tri-State Crematory in Noble in February 2002.

Peterson trial: A witness critical to Scott Peterson's defense conceded on the stand that he made an assumption in calculating when Laci Peterson's fetus died, a potential victory for prosecutors as Peterson's murder trial is nearing its conclusion.

Defense lawyers maintain the fetus was born alive, proving Scott Peterson couldn't have killed his wife.

Dr. Charles March testified that based on bone measurements of the dead fetus and reviewing ultrasounds taken of Laci, the fetus probably died on Dec. 29, 2002, at the earliest, five days after the pregnant schoolteacher vanished. That would undercut the prosecution's claim that Scott Peterson murdered his wife on or around Dec. 24, then dumped her body into San Francisco Bay. But March also said he based his findings, in part, on anecdotal evidence of when Laci may have discovered she was pregnant.

Robert Blake case: A judge has dealt a blow to Robert Blake's defense, barring his lawyers from presenting the theory that others, including a key prosecution witness, conspired to murder the actor's wife.

Superior Court Judge Darlene Schenck said Thursday in Los Angeles that attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach would be blocked from asking witness Ronald "Duffy" Hamblen whether he conspired to kill Blake's wife on behalf of Marlon Brando's son, Christian.

Sinclair documentary controversy: A longtime chronicler of John Kerry sued Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc. on Thursday to stop it from using his pictures and film in its program that features parts of an anti-Kerry documentary.

Filmmaker George Butler's lawsuit, filed in a New York federal court, says the program scheduled for Friday violates his copyrights of material covering much of the Democratic presidential candidate's adult life. Butler seeks unspecified damages.

Gay marriage amendment: The Ohio Supreme Court on Thursday rejected the last pending legal challenge to placing a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage and recognition of same-sex couples on the Nov. 2 ballot.

The court ruled 6-1 on technical grounds, saying it did not have jurisdiction over the claim, that opponents did not make their claim far enough ahead of the election and that a lower court had already ruled on the same issues.

Anthrax leak investigation: Attorneys for former Army scientist Steven Hatfill won the federal government's agreement Thursday to a plan that could speed the questioning of journalists about the source of leaks in the massive anthrax investigation.

Hatfill's attorneys have been attempting to track the reporters' sources as part of a lawsuit accusing Attorney General John Ashcroft and other federal officials of defamation. The suit accuses federal authorities of tarnishing Hatfill with public statements and private leaks that described him as a "person of interest" in the investigation into the anthrax-laced mailings in late 2001.

Martha Stewart in prison: Martha Stewart says she has been delayed by "thousands" of letters sent to her federal prison camp in Alderson, W.Va., some of which have even included gifts and money.

But, she lamented, the gifts are not allowed to reach her. In a posting on her Web site, marthastewart.com, Stewart instead urged fans to make a donation to the American Cancer Society instead.

Limbaugh investigation: Rush Limbaugh on Thursday appealed a court ruling that would allow prosecutors investigating his use of painkillers to examine his medical records.

The conservative commentator has said that the seizure of the records violated his privacy and that he committed no crime. Limbaugh attorney Roy Black asked for a rehearing by Florida's 11th District Court of Appeal.

Investigators raided Limbaugh's doctors' offices in November to see if Limbaugh had engaged in "doctor shopping," or illegally visiting several doctors to receive duplicate prescriptions. Limbaugh has not been charged.

Fla. right-to-die case: The Florida Supreme Court on Thursday rebuffed another effort by Gov. Jeb Bush to keep a severely brain-damaged woman alive against her husband's wishes.

Without comment, the court rejected Bush's request that it reconsider last month's decision striking down a state law that the

governor invoked to have Terri Schiavo's feeding tube reinserted.

Schiavo has been at the center of one of the nation's longest and most bitter right-to-die cases, a dispute that has pitted her husband against her parents.

D.C. subway arrest: Charges were dropped Thursday against a pregnant woman arrested and forced to the ground by Metro Transit Police for allegedly talking too loudly on a cell phone.

Sakinah Aaron, 23, was arrested Sept. 9 at a subway station in the Maryland suburb of Wheaton and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Officials of the transit system had claimed that one of their officers heard Aaron yodel obscenities into a cell phone and said that when the officer told her to stop, she used similar language on him.

War on terrorism

U.N. oil-for-food scandal: The independent panel investigating alleged corruption in the multibillion-dollar U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq released Thursday the names of 248 companies that received Iraqi oil and 3,545 companies that exported goods to Saddam Hussein's government.

Former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, who was appointed in April by U.S. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to lead the inquiry, also said his probe had met some resistance in France and in Iraq.

World

French head scarf ban: A high school that excluded three Sikh boys for wearing turbans to school must convene a disciplinary hearing within 15 days to decide the outcome of their cases, a French court ruled Friday.

The administrative court ruling is the latest twist in France's attempt to apply a new law that bans students from wearing obvious religious apparel in public schools.

The ruling was in response to a petition filed by Sikhs after the boys were kept out of class at the Louise Michel school in the Paris suburb of Boulogne for refusing to remove their turbans.

Beef exports to Japan: Japanese and U.S. officials decided Friday to extend their talks on ending Tokyo's 10-month-old ban on imports of U.S. beef after failing to reach an accord, an official said.

Officials will continue negotiating on Saturday, said Mitsue Asari, a spokeswoman for Japan's Foreign Ministry. They had been due to wrap up two days of discussions on Friday.

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One Marine's determination

Gunnery Sgt. Jonathan R. White overcomes training accident to walk again

By FRED ZIMMERMAN

Stars and Stripes

CAMP COURTYNE, Okinawa — July 23, 2003, started off as a typical Marines Corps training day for Gunnery Sgt. Jonathan R. White. The communications chief for 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion and fellow Marines from the unit were training for parachute operations.

Out of the 21 Marines who were jumping into Drop Zone Pyle on Je-Shima from a CH-46 helicopter, White was the only one who wasn't making his first jump since initial training — it was about his 25th. Therefore, he was a "stick leader" and would be first off the ramp.

After a pre-jump briefing, landing practices and countless equipment checks, White and his fellow Marines were ready. Upon arrival at the island, last-minute weather checks were made before a countdown. A light in the helicopter turned green, signaling the Marines to go.

As soon as his parachute opened and White looked around to make sure everything was working right, he knew something was wrong.

"I was falling faster than anyone else, and traveling farther across the [landing] zone faster," White said. A quick scan of his equipment showed no problems — the parachute was fully deployed and he was able to turn.

"All I remembered is what I was taught, which is to focus on the landing," he said.

What White didn't know was the speed he was traveling and why he was descending so fast. He said the official report says he was caught in a major gust of cross wind, and it's estimated that he was traveling nearly 60 mph.

"All I remembered is landing ... I think I landed perfectly, and then I don't remember squat," White said. The impact caused his body to fold forward at the chest — he had-butted the buckle on his belt.

White was lucky — a corpsman on hand was a reservist who happened to be a New York City Fire Department paramedic specializing in spinal injuries. The corpsman knew something serious was wrong and instructed the helicopter to take White straight to U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa.

White White didn't remember much about the accident, his wife, Peggy, recalls the time in the hospital clearly.

When the first went to the emergency room, doctors thought her husband simply had the wind knocked out of him.

"He was talking to them, sort of



Gunnery Sgt. Jonathan White holds up an X-ray showing the two 12-inch titanium rods and six screws that were placed in his back after a parachuting accident. White was told by numerous doctors that he would never walk again but has since returned to duty and run a first-class physical fitness test.

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“He said, ‘Promise me I will walk again.’

It's a good rule for physicians not to make promises and Jon really caught me off-guard. He got me emotional to the point where I promised him he would.”

Lt. Cmdr. Robert Rosenbaum

U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa neurosurgery department head

doing the [Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape] thing ... he was giving them nothing vital,” Peggy White said. “He was saying stuff like, ‘I want to get back to the drop zone.’

“I had a hold of his hand and a hand on his shoulder and I told him, ‘You’re not wherever you think you are. You need to snap out of this and talk to us.’

A short while later, she said, he came to his senses.

“He said he remembered the jump, but not a lot after that,” Peggy said. “Then he paused and that’s when he realized he couldn’t feel his feet. He told me to hold his hand and I said, ‘I am.’ Then one tear came down his cheek and he said, ‘I can’t feel you.’

A neurosurgery staff member was called in — Lt. Cmdr. Robert Rosenbaum, the neurosurgery department head.

Rosenbaum said White had no motor function in his toes and ankles, and as he worked his way up White’s body he was concerned.

“The higher you go and the longer it takes to find something working, it’s very concerning,” Rosenbaum said. “He began feeling in his lower chest.”

The problem was in White’s back. Rosenbaum said X-rays revealed that White had fractured vertebrae. The next step, Rosenbaum said, was having a magnetic resonance imaging, or MRI, done.

Rosenbaum accompanied White for the scan and climbed onto the table to hold White’s head still. Rosenbaum said the two were nose-to-nose inside the machine when White surprised him.

“He said, ‘Promise me I will walk again,’” Rosenbaum said. “It’s a good rule for physicians not to make promises and Jon really caught me off-guard. He got me emotional to the point where I promised him he would.”

Rosenbaum wasn’t sure he could hold up his end of the deal, as the initial diagnosis was that White would be a quadriplegic.

But after looking at the MRI results, Rosenbaum thought he might have a chance. There was a big chunk of bone lodged against White’s spinal cord. Rosenbaum thought that if he could perform surgery quickly and remove the pressure, White would have a shot at recovery.

So Rosenbaum approached the Whites and told them his plan. They agreed.

Within two hours of the accident, White was in the operating room.

White said he was lucky to have Rosenbaum as his neurosurgeon, as most in the field figure it’s better to be paralyzed than dead. Rosenbaum admitted that he’s a forward thinker and not many other neurosurgeons would have performed the operation.

During the nine-hour surgery,

Rosenbaum pushed the bone chunk away from White’s spinal cord and inserted two 12-inch titanium rods and six screws to stabilize his spinal cord.

While Rosenbaum wasn’t sure the surgery would work, he saw a good sign in the recovery room.

“I was standing at his right side and when he woke up, his right knee came up and hit me in the face,” Rosenbaum said. “While it wasn’t my favorite thing, it was a good sign.”

After spending three days in the intensive care unit at the hospital, White was flown to Naval Medical Center San Diego for follow-up care which included one more surgery.

The trip back to the United States wasn’t smooth. White said he experienced problems ranging from the hospital not knowing he was arriving to staff members getting him out of bed and moving him around just days after surgery.

When it came time for the second surgery, White said he wasn’t quite sure what was going on. He didn’t know until afterward that doctors were removing one of his ribs. The doctors took the rib and the remaining bone fragments in his back and ground them up, placing the mixture in a cage surrounding his spinal cord. White said the material solidified into bone over the next six months.

Despite two successful surgeries, White said doctors in San

Diego still said he never would walk again.

“They wrote me off,” White said. “They wanted to know what [Veterans Administration] hospital I was going back to.”

But retirement and paralysis weren’t in White’s plan. He was determined to walk again — and to return to duty.

When White began physical therapy in San Diego he asked, “What do I have to do to get out of this place?” He was told he had to walk around the room, to which he replied, “Let’s go.”

After three weeks in San Diego, White returned to Okinawa, but still was having some problems. His legs were numb and he needed help to walk.

“I had to train myself to walk again,” said the Marine of nearly 18 years. “I had two canes and I was out the door.”

Within three months, White was back to work. Four months later he was running again.

In May, he deployed with his unit to the Cobra Golf exercise in Thailand. While there, he secretly prepared to run a physical fitness test. He had a 10-day window between the exercise and leave and he wanted to complete the test to prove to the Corps that he was ready to carry on.

When White returned from the exercise, he surprised unit members by announcing he was running a PFT. He said the event was painful, but he was able to score a “young man’s” first class 237 with a 22-39 minute run time, 13 pull-ups and 100 crunches in two minutes.

Now that White is back to work, he hopes to be promoted soon — another reason he wanted to run a successful PFT. The E-8 selection board meets this month and without a PFT score in the system, he said, he likely would have been passed over for promotion.

Since the accident, White has returned to the scene of the accident once and was stunned by what he saw.

“It was real creepy,” he said. “Where I landed, it was like somebody took gas and burned a body imprint into the ground.”

He said the depression his body had in the ground was about 6 inches deep. He also was shown something else that made him feel lucky to be alive — a pile of concrete rubble with steel bars poking out about 12 feet away.

White pain will be a daily reminder of White’s accident, he has no regrets.

“I’m glad it happened to me that day, out of everyone that jumped,” he said, noting the outcome might have been deadly for the other Marines since they had less experience.

“I knew when I woke up in the hospital that I was going to be all right ... I was at peace early in the game,” White said. “I know there’s a plan and that was my piece. I did it for it, but I knew it was my place.”

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PBS literary stars visit bases

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — A big red dog and an aardvark with spectacles came to this northern Japan base Friday with a message for parents, teachers and day-care providers: Share stories with your kids through reading, storytelling, singing, rhyming, acting and talking.

The "PBS Kids Share a Story" literacy campaign is visiting Pacific Air Force bases to underscore the importance of sharing stories and engaging in other language-rich activities with children at an early age.

"It's to bring a fun and educational family literacy event to military families throughout the Pacific," said Charlotte Brantley, PBS Ready to Learn senior director.

PACAF last spring asked PBS Kids — the umbrella organization of a host of educational television shows for children — to bring their literacy fair to the Pacific, Brantley said.

"With a program like this, we can reach out to all our families and enrich their learning and life experience during their time in PACAF," said Col. Frederic Ryder, PACAF's services director, in a news release. "The events will also serve to provide a positive experience for family members affected by deployment."

The campaign visits Yokota Air Base near Tokyo on Monday, and Osan Air Base, South Korea, on Wednesday. A trip to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, was canceled due to typhoon Tokage.

At Misawa, scores of youngsters had their picture taken with Clifford and the aardvark Arthur, both characters from popular PBS Kids' television shows, based on children's books. They also received a new book and an activity booklet in which they could draw or write a story about their family.

Brantley said sharing stories, whether through reading, writing, drawing or just making up a tale, can help children become stronger readers down the road. Language-centered activities can teach children new vocabulary words, simple sentence construction and where a book starts and ends, she said.

Upcoming schedule

"PBS Kids Share a Story" literacy campaign will visit the following PACAF bases this week:

Monday:

Yokota Air Base, Japan

9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Taiyo Community Center
Event is open to children in the base's Child Development Center and school-age programs.

Wednesday:

Osan Air Base, South Korea

9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the youth center

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"There's a general concern across America that children entering school are not prepared," she said, noting that by third grade, many students are not reading at grade level. "It breaks my heart to know how many children starting kindergarten don't even know where a book starts."

Barbara Treadway, a reading specialist at Kinser Elementary School on Okinawa, said statistics show that if a child is going to be competitive in the job market as an adult, he or she needs to have 10,000 hours of literacy experience — reading, writing, listening and speaking — before first grade.

"Much of that needs to be reading," she said. "Whatever reading level your child is at by the end of first grade, there's an 80 percent chance that they're going to finish high school at that level. It doesn't mean with intervention, that can't be changed, but it gets significantly harder to make up those deficits as they get older."

Parents should read aloud to children every day, she advised, whether children are babies, in preschool or of school age.

In military families, Treadway said she sees a correlation between reading ability and the amount of time parents spend with kids.

"Many times I have parents say, 'I'm too busy to read to my child,'" she said.



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Children at the Yokota Child Development Center at Misawa Air Base, Japan, mob Clifford The Big Red Dog at the "PBS Kids Share a Story" literacy fair Friday at the Mokuteki Community Center.

Educational videos and television programming such as "Sesame Street" also can be good literacy learning tools, but both Brantley and Treadway said these shows should be watched in moderation and always with supervision.

"Talk about what's happening in the show," Brantley said. "Go do an activity related to what happened in the show. We encourage parents to view, read and do. Use videos as a spark to learning."

Parents and educators can learn more ways to help children develop literacy and language skills at:

www.pbparents.org or www.pbs.org/teachersource.

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Cartridge change-out

The Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station Safety Center will conduct a noncombatant respirator cartridge change-out 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday at the Station Safety Center, Building 130B.

Respirator cartridges have a limited shelf life and must be changed if they were issued before November 2003.

After terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, the base commander implemented a program requiring each resident in Iwakuni to receive a personal respirator and be trained in its use.

Call DSN 253-6381 for more information.

Harvest Fest planned

The Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station Harvest Festival is 4-7 p.m. on Sunday at Penny Lake.

Organizers plan to cook hot dogs and hamburgers and offer lots of games and treats. Participants are asked to wear costumes, but not scary ones.

Call Carol Nash at DSN 253-5218 for more information.

Radio forum at Misawa

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Misawa's next Open Line Radio Show is from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday on Edge Radio, AM 1575. The live forum allows people to speak with base and wing leadership on a variety of topics.

To participate, call DSN 226-1575 or 226-3621 during the show.

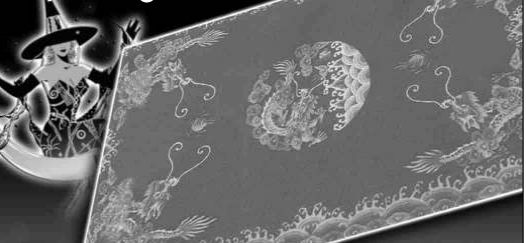
Health council to meet

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Misawa's Health Consumer's Advisory Council meets at 2 p.m. Monday in the Kampei Room of the Mutsu Officers Club. The quarterly meeting is an open forum for the 35th Medical Group to provide council members with current information and education regarding the availability, accessibility and types of services provided at the hospital.

All HCAAC unit representatives should attend.

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Army ponders female role in 'units of action'

BY LISA BURGESS

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ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army is considering whether to formally add women to its new "units of action" structure — which includes combat units — a discussion that had opponents of women in combat up in arms.

Under a 10-year-old ban, women are not allowed to be part of combat units, such as armored cavalry or the infantry.

The Army has no intention of altering the ban against women in combat positions, according to Lt. Col. Chris Rodney, an Army spokesman at the Pentagon.

But as the war on terror has shown, from the Sept. 11 attacks to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, this conflict has no "front lines" from which women can be protected from combat.

Anywhere, at any time, can quickly become a front line, military and U.S. government leaders often point out.

To accommodate this new style of combat, which requires fast, flexible and often very violent responses, the Army is in the middle of "transforming" itself: a plan that places the emphasis on "units of action,"

Women in support divisions may breach 10-year ban

self-contained, self-reliant brigade combat teams that will replace the traditional large, cumbersome divisions.

Part of those "UAs," according to Rodney said, are "Forward Support Companies" that would be a regular part of the Units of Action.

"The bottom line is, there is no intent right now to lift the ban on women in direct combat units," Rodney said.

"There has been no change to the current policy, and there is no intent to reverse the ban."

And the issue of whether to make support units including women part of combat units, however, is under discussion only, Rodney said.

"Nothing is final," Rodney said.

However, there is more to the issue, first reported by The Washington Times on Friday: There is a clause in the ban signed by then-Defense Secre-

tary Les Aspin that says women are not allowed to serve "where units and positions are doctrinally required to physically collocate and remain with direct ground combat units that are closed to women."

But women are not banned

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Lt. Col. Chris Rodney

Army spokesman

from such tasks as driving trucks, working in mess halls, repairing helicopters, and other jobs that either hold the potential for enemy attacks, or require close proximity to combat units.

And because combat units cannot do their jobs without maintenance and other support assistance, "there have been support units attached to maneuver units" in both Afghanistan and Iraq that include women, Rodney pointed out.

The difference is that such units are temporarily "attached," to the combat units they support, not permanently assigned.

The plan under discussion by the Army would make such support units a regular part of a Unit of Action, Rodney confirmed.

For now, several female soldiers are assigned to the 601st Aviation Support Battalion, which supports the 1st Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry at Forward Operating Base McKenzie, Iraq.

The 1-4 Cavalry is responsible for a large area that includes Samarra, one of the more restive cities in central Iraq.

But Elaine Donnelly, president of the Center for Military Readiness in Livonia, Mich., and a leading opponent of women in combat, expressed surprise to hear that female soldiers are, in fact, attached to combat units in Iraq.

Donnelly said that Congress

must be informed 30 legislative days (approximately three months) of any changes the Army is considering making to the statute.

"It remains to be seen, definitively, if the Army is violating the law," Donnelly said. "For any official in the Army to disregard that law would certainly be a serious matter."

Civilian leaders in the Office of the Secretary of Defense have already been informed of the new ... in "lower-level meetings," according to an Army officer who asked not to be named because participating in such meetings are not part of his responsibilities.

"There are regular meetings that discuss transformation, and this is one of many things that is being looked at," the officer said.

And Congress "will certainly be consulted if and when" the Army decides it would like to make any changes to the current rules, the officer said.

Since the invasion of Iraq in March 2003, 24 of the 793 combat deaths have been female soldiers.

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'Pay gap' closer for mobilized troops, workers

The Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act, designed to protect GIs from predatory financial-services agencies, is delayed until the 109th Congress convenes in January.

Introduced by Rep. Max Burns, R-Ga., and passed by the House last month, HR 5011 would block the sale of bad investment products such as contractual mutual funds and costly life insurance packages pitched as investments to servicemembers.

It would require that state insurance laws be enforced on military property to stop long-standing practice of agents selling on base products banned by state regulations.

Andrew Gray, spokesman for Senate Banking Committee, said the committee

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Tom Philpott

will be ready to act on these issues in 2005. Committee chairman Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., and ranking Democrat, Maryland's Paul Sarbanes, have asked the Government Accountability Office and the Securities and Exchange Commission to review investment marketing practices that have targeted servicemembers.

"Once we have a clear picture of the problem, we will be able to move quickly," said Gray. "This is a priority for us" in 2005.

Meanwhile, Sens. Hillary Clinton,

D-N.Y., Michael Enzi, R-Wyo., Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., and Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., have introduced a bill identical to HR 5011 to end the sale on military bases of contracted mutual funds with heavy up-front commissions, and insurance packages with coverage values far more expensive than government-subsidized plans.

Closing the gap

Civilian employers of Reserve and National Guard members who are mobilized longer than six months could be offered new tax breaks soon to close a "pay gap" between employees' military income and lost civilian wages.

Senate Republicans, before adjourning

for fall elections, yielded to threats from Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., to block a \$137 billion corporate tax break bill if mobilized troops and their civilian bosses didn't get to sip at the same tax-break trough.

An angry Landrieu told Military Update on Oct. 15 that House Republican leaders, in closed-door deliberations with Senate colleagues, had tossed out her Senate-passed amendment to give Reserve and Guard employers up to \$2 billion in tax breaks to continue paying some wages to mobilized employees. The idea was to entice more employers to make up any difference between temporary military compensation and pre-mobilization civilian pay.

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Hostage begs Blair: Don't deploy British troops to Baghdad

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Margaret Hassan, the kidnapped British aid

worker who has spent 30 years helping deliver food and medicine in Iraq, made a heart-wrenching appeal for her

life Friday, begging Prime Minister Tony Blair not to send troops to Baghdad because "this might be my last hours."

"Please help me, please help me," Hassan, a British-Irish-Iraqi national who heads the Care International operation in Iraq, said in a videotape broadcast by Al-Jazeera television.

The British government agreed Thursday to a U.S. request to transfer 850 British soldiers from southern Iraq to the Baghdad area to free American forces from new offensives against the insurgents.

Blair's decision drew strong criticism from within his own Labour party, and Hassan's desperate appeal is likely to stoke opposition among the British public, where support for the Iraq mission has never been as strong as in the United States.

"That's why people like Mr. Bigley and myself are being caught," Hassan said, referring to British hostage Kenneth Bigley who was beheaded this month. "And maybe we will die like Mr. Bigley. Please, please, I beg of you."

Unlike most previous hostage tapes, however, this one featured no hooded gunmen, no banners identifying the militant group and no explicit demands for the captive's freedom. Al-Jazeera said it received the tape Friday but did not say where or how.

Hassan, who is married to an Iraqi, was seized by gunmen Tuesday while traveling to her office in western Baghdad. Hassan, believed to be in her early 60s, began working for CARE International soon after it began operations here in 1991. She managed a staff of 60 Iraqis who run nutrition, health and water programs throughout the country.

She was a vocal opponent of international sanctions on Iraq and warned British lawmakers before last year's U.S.-led invasion of Iraq that a conflict could produce a humanitarian crisis in a country already severely weakened by the embargoes.

In London, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw described the videotape as "extremely distressing" and called for Hassan's immediate release.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Thursday, at least 1,103 servicemembers of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 846 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count matches the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Thursday.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 965 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 737 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ **Not reported.**
The latest identification reported by the military:
■ Army Spc. Andrew C. Ehrlich, 21, Mesa, Ariz., died Monday in Muqadiyah, Iraq, of non-combat injuries; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany.

Militants have kidnapped at least seven other foreign women over the past six months, but all were later released. In September, Italian aid workers Simona Torretta and Simona Pari, both 29, were kidnapped from their Baghdad offices but were freed three weeks later.



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Margaret Hassan, the kidnapped director of CARE International in Iraq, appears in this image made from television in a videotape aired by the Arabic television station Al-Jazeera, on Friday. Hassan is seen weeping and pleading for British Prime Minister Tony Blair to withdraw troops from Iraq and not bring them to Baghdad.

AL-JAZEERA/AF

Colin Powell sets off on Pacific visit

Secretary of State focused on assuring North Korea it is not being threatened

BY GEORGE GEDDA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — On a trip to East Asia, Secretary of State Colin Powell intends to work out a strategy with Japan, China and South Korea on how to convince North Korea it is not under threat of attack.

The aim is to revive negotiations to curb North Korea's nuclear weapons programs. Before leaving, Powell acknowledged that U.S. intelligence experts did not know how advanced the programs were and may not be able to find out.

Powell also cautioned Taiwan in an interview with the Far Eastern Economic Review that any move toward independence "has the potential for creating a real crisis in the region."

In a radio interview Friday, Powell noted that North Korea keeps accusing the United States of hostile intent.



Powell

"It's a nice little cover line that they use," Powell said on Fox News Radio's "Tony Snow Show." But he said he would be discussing a strategy for responding "with all our friends in the region on this upcoming trip."

Also, Powell said, "We are essentially in a discussion, a debate, negotiation" as to what North Korea might get in exchange for halting development of weapons-grade uranium.

North Korea says it wants security guarantees and economic aid in exchange for dealing with other countries' fears about its nuclear activities. The United States wants an immediate halt to nuclear activities and renewed international inspections. South Korea and Japan have offered fuel oil to the impoverished country as an incentive.

During the Clinton administration, North Korea agreed to stop its plutonium-based nuclear program in exchange for 500 metric tons of heavy oil annually from the United States and help for its energy programs from Japan and South Korea.

The aid was stopped after the Americans said North Korea had admitted to having a uranium-based nuclear program.

"President Bush has made it clear that we are not interested in invading North Korea," Powell said Friday. "We want to help the North Korean people. But that help will only come when they have, in a way that is fully verifiable, gotten rid of their nuclear weapons programs."

Powell told the Far Eastern Economic Review in the interview published Thursday that in the absence of more solid information, the administration has stuck by its estimate dating back several years that North Korea has one or two nuclear weapons.

North Korea's vice foreign minister, Choe Su Hon, said on Sept. 27 that his country has turned plutonium extracted from 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods into several nuclear weapons.

Experts have said the rods could yield enough plutonium for eight bombs.

Powell's caution on North Korea's nuclear arms program contrasts sharply with the administration's confident assertions almost two years ago that Iraq was developing weapons of mass destruction.

The administration has since concluded that Iraq had no stockpiles of such weapons.

Powell conceded that the administration

doesn't know what the North Koreans have done with the fuel rods since they ordered an end to U.N. nuclear inspection operations early last year.

"The intelligence community cannot tell you whether or not there are more weapons or not," Powell said. "They are making assumptions, and they are doing the best that they can, you know, with a country that does not exactly post this stuff on their Web site." Intelligence experts "cannot come to a definitive answer," Powell said, adding there's no reason they should be able to.

At all three stops on Powell's East Asia tour, he plans to compare notes on the possibility of resuming six-country discussions on ending the stalemate over Pyongyang's weapons programs.

Japan, China and South Korea are all partners with the United States in the process, as is Russia.

The negotiating process was set back recently when North Korea refused to attend a new round of six-party discussions after initially agreeing to do so.

"It was a marvelous act of misdirection, and the North Koreans said, 'Gosh, if we got them to pay for it once, let's do it again and see if we can get them to pay for it again,'" Powell said on the radio.

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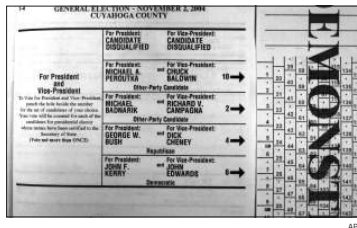


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A Cuyahoga County Absentee Voter Ballot Book, left, and an Absentee Punch-card Ballot from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, are shown. Confusion over the layout of the punch-card has led to complaints and concerns that people will inadvertently vote for other than the presidential candidate they intended, because it does not align with the ballot book.

Confusion clouds Ohio absentee ballot format

Decision on provisional votes awaits appeal

BY CONNIE MABIN
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Absentee voters in the most populous county of a critical state in the presidential election are complaining about a ballot layout that they say might prompt some people to choose the wrong candidate, or none at all.

Another voting issue was left in limbo for Ohioans Wednesday when a federal judge rejected Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell's latest order on how to handle people who try to vote in the wrong precinct. The dispute means election boards may receive two sets of orders as they wait for an appeals court to rule.

The absentee voting problem in Cuyahoga County occurs when voters align the ballot portion, which shows a candidate's name, number and an arrow, with the punch card, which also bears numbers.

The pieces are designed to align with voting machines used on Election Day, but the numbers don't always line up for people voting absentee.

In Mich., votes in wrong precinct, right town OK

BY DAVID EGGERT
The Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan election officials expressed concern Thursday that both voters and local precinct clerks may be confused on Election Day because of a federal judge's decision making it easier for voters to cast provisional ballots.

U.S. District Judge David Lawson ruled Tuesday that the Help America Vote Act says people must only show up in the right city, township or village — regardless of whether they're in the proper precinct — to have their votes for president and Congress counted.

Provisional ballots are used when voters say they are properly registered but their names are not on the registration rolls.

The elections board in the traditionally Democratic county has fielded numerous calls from voters confused about the layout of absentee ballots.

The county, which includes Cleveland, is receiving more than 2,000 requests for absentee ballots every day. Both presidential campaigns have focused on the county in a state both candidates consider crucial to what's expected to be a close election Nov. 2.

If absentee voters cast their vote by trying to line up the arrow with the punch card, they could punch the wrong number.

Absentee voters are supposed to ignore the arrows and punch out the chad that matches the candidate's number, Jacqueline Maidens, a coordinator with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, said Wednesday.

In the statewide voting issue, U.S. District Judge James Carr of Toledo rejected an order from the secretary of state in which voters would be informed their entire ballot could be thrown out if they vote in the wrong precinct.

The state is appealing the decision, which came in a lawsuit brought by Michigan Democrats, voter-rights groups and the NAACP.

The state argues that changing course less than two weeks before the election won't ensure an orderly vote or timely certification of the results.

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land and state Bureau of Elections Director Chris Thomas said some voters may believe their entire ballot will be counted under Lawson's ruling. But only their votes for federal offices will be tallied.

The League of Women Voters of Michigan on Thursday applauded the judge's decision but said it worries voters don't understand they won't be allowed to vote the entire ballot if they show up in the wrong polling place.

Ruling restricts counting of provisional ballots in Florida

BY DAVID ROYSE
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The state must reject provisional ballots if they are cast in the wrong precinct, a federal judge said Thursday in the latest in a series of opinions on how such votes should be counted.

U.S. District Judge Robert L. Hinkle ruled voters who show up at a polling place and aren't on the rolls should be allowed to submit a provisional ballot — in case it's later determined they were in the properly assigned precinct.

But he said federal law doesn't require the state to count the ballot if it's determined the voter submitted the ballot somewhere other than the assigned precinct.

A provisional ballot is held until officials determine if the person was entitled to vote. If the voter should have been allowed to vote, the ballot counts; if not, it's thrown out.

The ruling comes in a case brought by Democrats, who wanted the judge to block Secretary of State Glenda Hood from ordering that provisional ballots be tallied only if they were cast in the correct precinct.

Hood spokeswoman Alla Faraj said the ruling was "a victory for all Floridians who want an orderly election" Nov. 2.

"Florida law simply requires that those who use provisional ballots be treated equally with all other voters who have to cast their ballots in their assigned precinct," Faraj said.

Mark Herron, a lawyer for the Democrats, said Hinkle's ruling doesn't make sense. "You'd think people who are entitled to vote are entitled to have their ballots counted," he said.

Herron said the party hadn't decided whether to appeal.

Provisional ballots are required nationally for the first time this year. They are supposed to prevent what happened in the 2000 election, when an estimated 1.5 million registered voters were mistakenly turned away from the polls because of clerical errors or other problems.

Democrats have sued in states where election officials have ruled that provisional ballots should not be considered valid if voters cast them in the wrong precinct — a potential disadvantage to poor people who tend to move more frequently.

The election officials say the measures are needed to ensure fair elections, but Democrats say it unconstitutionally disenfranchises voters who may not know their polling place.

Federal judges around the country have issued differing opinions on the matter.

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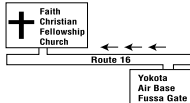
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Bush: Election boils down to who can keep America safer

BY DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — President Bush, in a new line of criticism aimed at Sen. John Kerry, said Friday the choice in this presidential race boils down to who can keep American homes safer from terrorists and contended his opponent was not up to the task during wartime.

Bush said families face five choices of "great consequence" in the election — security, home budgets, quality of life, retirement and values — but argued that security tops the list.

"All progress on other issues depends on the safety of our citizens," Bush told supporters in a rote speech.

"Americans will go to the polls in a time of war and ongoing threat to our country."

Eastern Pennsylvania was Bush's first stop on a day of campaigning in which he's hitting three showdown states — Pennsylvania, Ohio and Florida. Winning all three would amount to a political trifecta; they account for one-fourth of the 270 electoral votes needed for victory.

Pennsylvania is the only one of the three that Bush lost to Democrat Al Gore in 2000. A new poll of likely voters in Pennsylvania found 51 percent supporting Kerry and 46 percent favoring Bush.

Bush reminded voters that this is the first election since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, and said the threat has not subsided.

"The enemies who killed thousands of innocent people are still dangerous and determined to

strike us again," he said. If terrorists like Abu Musab al-Zarqawi wasn't busy fighting American forces in Iraq, Bush asked sarcastically, does Kerry think they'd be "opening a small business?"

Bush said Kerry considers the war on terror primarily a law enforcement and intelligence-gathering operation, a frequent charge on the campaign trail that Kerry denies. One of Kerry's foreign policy advisers likened it to the metaphorical "war on poverty," Bush said.

"I've got news," Bush said. "Anyone who thinks we're fighting a metaphor does not understand the enemy we face and has no idea how to win the war and keep America secure."

Kerry spokesman Phil Singer said Bush's new stump speech is as "dishonest as the old one."

On the issues



Do you rule out a draft over the next four years?

President Bush



"Yes, I am committed to keeping participation in the United States Armed Services voluntary. Recruitment and retention rates remain strong, and the military has not had any problem maintaining a capable force. We will not have a draft so long as I'm the president. In order to win

the war on terror, we must ensure that our troops are highly skilled and specialized, and that they are trained and equipped to successfully complete their missions. The all-voluntary Army allows us to create the strong, capable, and skilled force that we need, which is why the all-voluntary Army is working superbly."

Sen. John Kerry



"I oppose reinstating the draft, and I am committed to an all volunteer military, and I'll have a foreign policy that brings allies to our side to share the burden around the world. I have a plan to expand the all-volunteer active duty Army by 40,000 soldiers,

Not by draft, and not to increase the number of soldiers in Iraq, but to add new volunteer soldiers trained and ready to meet new threats and relieve the strain on our troops. My plan will bring more of our soldiers, Guardsmen and Reservists back home to their families and get them time for the new training they need."

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Kerry vows to help working women

BY MARY DALRYMPLE
The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Repackaging his domestic agenda on education, health care and jobs, Sen. John Kerry pledged Friday to support working women and their children if elected president.

"At their jobs and at home, no one in this White House understands the challenges that they face. No matter how tough it gets, no one in the White House seems to be listening," Kerry said.

"The women I meet, they don't expect the government to do their jobs for them, but they do want leaders who are on their side as they try to do their jobs," he said.

Kerry said his combination of plans to raise the minimum wage, improve education and expand health care would help women struggling to care for their families.

Kerry reached out to working women as the campaign started to motivate the party's traditionally strongest supporters to come out and vote on Nov. 2.

Exit polls showed that four years ago, 54 percent of women voted for Democrat Al Gore while 43 percent voted for President Bush.

An Associated Press poll showed that among likely voters, Kerry holds an edge over Bush among women.

The AP-Ipsos survey showed Kerry with support from 55 percent of women and Bush with 40 percent.

Kerry told the mostly female audience in Milwaukee that he would reverse losses they suffered financially and educationally under the Republican administration.

"President Bush talks about an ownership society. Now we know what he really means," Kerry said. "Sorry, you're on your own."

Kerry said he wants to close the gap between wages paid to men and women and raise the minimum wage to \$7 an hour.

He also criticized the president for not allocating enough money for public schools and threatening women's retirements by having "raided the Social Security trust fund to pay for tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans."

In response, Bush campaign spokesman Steve Schmidt said Kerry has voted the wrong way for American women and their families during his 20 years in the Senate.

"John Kerry talks about making life better for women, but he voted for higher taxes on their gas. He voted for higher taxes on their Social Security benefits. He even voted for higher taxes on their children and their marriages," Schmidt said.

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Maverick candidates not shy about elections

BY LISA HOFFMAN

Scripted Howard News Service

In Lexington, Ky., a billboard calls on voters to "Elect Jesus Christ Savior" to the city council.

In Tennessee, a GOP congressional candidate boasts he is to the left of Karl Marx on some issues and akin to the right wing on others.

In Minnesota, a high school senior is running for mayor with the slogan: "Uninterrupted by years of experience."

And in Texas, a Republican House hopeful was depicted baring it all — and we're not talking about his soul.

Even in this, one of the most bitterly battled campaign seasons in recent memory, offbeat candidates and unusual tactics can be found.

Here's a look at some of the more colorful campaigns and contenders:

■ Jacques Wigginton stirred things up in his re-election bid for the Lexington, Ky., city council by displaying an "Elect Jesus" message on a billboard.

Wigginton said the sign was intended to promote faith and community involvement, not to link himself to Jesus.

But opponent Tom Blues said the fact that the Jesus billboard also features a "Wigginton for Council" message means his rival is doing just that.

"The implication is clear that if you elect Jesus, then you'll elect Jacques," Blues told a local newspaper.

■ In nearby Tennessee, GOP candidate James Hart says he's opposed to using, free trade and affirmative action, describing himself on workers' issues as "so far

Republican senator plays hardball

The Associated Press

FLORENCE, Ky. — Sen. Jim Bunning, a hard thrower during his Hall of Fame baseball career, fired at his Democratic opponent Wednesday, accusing him of spreading "disgusting" rumors that the incumbent is mentally incompetent.

"I think that's the lowest of the low of anybody who I have ever run against," said the 72-year-old Republican, who charged that Daniel Mongiardo's campaign conducted a "push-poll" that asked respondents: "Did you hear that Jim Bunning was mentally incompetent to run for the U.S. Senate?"

"The rumors that have been spread by my opponent about my health are disgusting," Bunning said during a campaign stop here.

"People who know me know the truth,"

Contacted by The Associated Press, Mongiardo denied Bunning's accusation as "just another absurd comment," but questioned what he called his opponent's "bizarre conduct."



Bunning

During the campaign, Bunning has compared Mongiardo's appearance to that of one of Saddam Hussein's sons and alleged Mongiardo's staffers assaulted his wife at a political picnic, leaving her "black and blue." Mongiardo has denied the accusations.

ing the death penalty for doctors who perform abortions.

Also in the race is Democrat Brad Carson, an unsmiling former Rhodes Scholar who travels the state in a pickup truck and has earned the top rating of the National Rifle Association.

Independent candidate Sheila Bilyeu, a former high school counselor, claims that the government planted a small radio receiver in her head in the 1970s and continues to send transmissions just to annoy her.

Among those she has sued for conspiring

against her are former President Bill Clinton, TV Jeopardy game show host Alex Trebek and CBS newsmen Dan Rather.

Bilyeu, who said she is running because she is opposed to the war in Iraq, scored 3 percent of likely voters in a recent poll.

■ In her write-in candidacy for mayor of St. Mary's Point, Minn., Erin Feehan-Nelson, 17, is trying to capitalize on her political neophyte status by positioning herself as too young to have become corrupt. Problem is, she's also too young to vote or serve in office. No matter, the high-school senior vows to take the issue to court if she's elected.

■ In Florida, Democrats have made an issue out of alleged GOP attempts to keep convicted felons from voting, even though they have had their voting rights restored. But in New Mexico, it's Democrats who are opposing a candidate with a criminal record who is running for a state Senate seat.

GOP contender John Ryan pleaded guilty when he was 18 to burglarizing a house, stealing paintings, then trying to extort money for return of the artwork. Even though Ryan, now 42, won a governor's pardon in 1977, Democrats are using his criminal past against him.

■ The youthful indiscretion of GOP Rep. Pete Sessions also has come back to haunt him in his battle to beat Democratic Rep. Martin Frost in a new Dallas-area district.

Democrats have circulated 1974 newspaper clippings of a mass "streaking" at Southwest Texas State University that depicted Sessions, then 18, and some 300 others baring their behinds as they raced around campus during a nationwide streaking craze.

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Young voters look to fake news anchor for insight

BY JOE GAROFOLI
San Francisco Chronicle

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry has secured the support of a man who influences millions of young voters: Jon Stewart, host of Comedy Central's late-night satire "The Daily Show."

But Stewart's comment in an interview that he'll vote for Kerry isn't an endorsement, his representatives say. Besides, his audi-

But don't expect Kerry-supporter Stewart to give formal endorsement

ence of young voters doesn't pay attention to endorsements.

To this new generation of voters, actions are a more powerful statement—like Stewart eviscerating the hosts of CNN's "Crossfire" live on their show last week.

"Here is someone who is ridiculing the system, yet he will be part of the system and vote," said Josh Koenig, a co-founder of

Music for America, a year-old effort to engage young voters. "When he did that on 'Crossfire,' we were jumping up and down. That's exactly how young people feel."

It is yet another testament to skepticism about the political system and a media-savvy culture that the anchor of a fake news show has become what Walter

Cronkite was to an older generation: The Most Trusted Man in America—Fake News Anchor Division.

As the "Dear Jon" online petition urging Stewart to make an endorsement reads: "For better or worse, you are a primary source of news for people of our generation."

"As one of the few people who

will call politicians and public figures on their terms, you have earned the respect of a demographic fed up with being treated as consumers, rather than participants with a stake in their future. Whether or not you want it," says the open letter on the Web site www.dearjonstewart.com.

But even one of the site's co-founders says he doubts whether Stewart had made an endorsement. Not that it really mattered if he had.

"The intention of the site was to get people to sign the petition," said Stanford University junior Adam Schwartz, who helped create the site as part of his work with Baaobas, a group trying to organize college students in swing states.

Nodding to studies saying that people are more likely to vote if they get involved in the political process—even by signing a petition—Schwartz and others used Stewart, 41, as bait to hook young voters. After all, 20 percent of young voters get their news from "The Daily Show," according to a survey in June by the Pew Foundation.

"So is what he said an endorsement?" Schwartz said.

That depends on whom you ask.

In a personal appearance last week at Syracuse University, Stewart said "it looks like Kerry," when asked who he planned to vote for Nov. 2. "I'd be stunned if something happened to change my mind."

Stewart's reasoning: "If one guy drove me into a ditch and said, 'Don't worry, I know how to drive us out of this, I'll give the keys to a 7-year-old at that point.' Comedy Central spokesman Steve Albani was quick to point out 'that what Jon said in no way constitutes an endorsement.' Stewart spokesman Matt Lebor said, 'I don't think that's an endorsement.' He was asked who he's going to vote for, and he answered."

Both noted that Stewart was not speaking for "The Daily Show," which will not endorse a candidate, fake or real. Many fans agreed that it would be different if Stewart expressed his preference on his show. That would be improper, Lebor said.

"That would be like [ABC News'] Peter Jennings endorsing someone," he said. Even if Jennings were a fake anchor, too.



Stewart



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Vaccine expert: World not ready for flu pandemic

BY HAWON JUNG

The Associated Press

SEOUL — It's only a matter of time before another deadly flu pandemic strikes, an international vaccine expert warned Friday, saying that the world is ill-prepared to cope with a major outbreak of disease — possibly because the manufacture of vaccines is governed by profit.

"We are talking about a killer influenza that would kill probably tens of millions of people," said John D. Clemens, director of the International Vaccine Institute. "We're not talking about if, we're talking about when."

The United States is suffering a shortage

of flu vaccines after a British supplier, Chiron Corp., was barred from shipping between 46 million and 48 million doses to the nation because of contamination at its plant.

"The current shortage of vaccine in the United States can be attributed to reliance on too few producers," Clemens said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press. "Globally, in terms of vaccine development and production that could respond quickly to a killer influenza pandemic, we're inadequately prepared."

Clemens — whose institute has been helping to introduce new vaccines against diarrhea infections, bacterial meningitis and mosquito-borne viral diseases for developing nations since 1999 — warned that

similar supply disruptions could hit vaccines against other pandemics.

"Something like 80 percent of the world's measles vaccines come from one company in India," Clemens said. "If that company had a problem like Chiron had, it would be a disaster."

"The vaccines that tend to be most affected... are the vaccines that are the least profitable and of less interest," he said. "Maybe it's a bit risky for a society to rely purely on free market economics to guarantee a stable reliable supply of vaccines."

Last week, scientists reported that, for the first time, malaria vaccines had protected some children in Mozambique. Malaria kills more than a million people a year,

700,000 of them children. The experimental vaccines were made by GlaxoSmith-Kline.

While most pharmaceutical companies are unwilling to produce drugs that don't generate a profit, Clemens said the malaria experiments indicated positive progress.

"It is very unlikely that even a highly effective malaria vaccine can be very profitable. Yet GSK, one of the world's largest multinational producers, is actively involved in the creation of the malaria vaccine," he said.

A lack of adequate funding remains one of the biggest obstacles for developing affordable vaccines. Billions of dollars of donations are yet "a drop in the bucket in coverage of vaccinating children in developing nations," Clemens said.

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Frist defends lawmakers' vaccinations

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said Thursday that lawmakers on Capitol Hill who received flu shots in his office were either following federal guidelines or their own doctors' recommendations.

Frist was responding to criticism that his office was used as a makeshift clinic to administer shots to lawmakers two days after the government asked healthy adults to forgo the vaccinations because of a nationwide shortage.

"They keep mentioning my name as if I had done something exceptional, when I hadn't," Frist said.

He claimed the presidential campaign of Democrat John Kerry is blowing the issue out of proportion for "political gain" and suggested trial lawyers, like Kerry's running mate John Edwards, contributed to the shortage with lawsuits against vaccination makers. The Kerry campaign pointed out that Frist and other GOP luminaries were getting the shots while the Bush administration was telling the rest of the country to be calm.

Frist, himself a physician, said he got his own inoculation before new federal guidelines were announced Oct. 5. Those guidelines urged healthy people to reserve remaining flu vaccine for older adults and young children who are most at risk for flu complications.

Frist also noted that one-third of Senate members are 65 or older, which is within the guidelines for receiving the vaccine.

Some members of Congress who got shots said Capitol physician Dr. John Eisdorff recommended they be vaccinated because they frequently come into contact with children and older people, and could spread as well as catch the flu.

"I think a case can be made that you don't want to be infecting other people," Frist said.

54 years after death, GI interred

DNA tests allowed family of lieutenant killed in Korea to have funeral

The Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Teddy Lilly is home at last.

The 22-year-old soldier was reported killed more than 54 years ago in one of the bloodiest battles of the Korean War. But it wasn't until Thursday that his remains were laid to rest among his family in his home town.

"I had given up hope," said Alma Hodes, who married Lilly about five weeks before he was sent to Korea. "But deep in your heart, you always wonder."

The remains of 2nd Lt. Edmund "Teddy" Lilly III were recovered in South Korea and buried in Honolulu, but identified only this summer through DNA testing. His funeral was held Thursday at St. John's Episcopal Church, where he once served as an acolyte.

Scripture and hymns told of Lilly having already gone home.

"From the moment the mortar exploded, his soul soared like an eagle to his God," the Rev. Louanne Loch said.

She read a poem written years ago by Lilly's father, Col. Edmund J. Lilly Jr., who had been held prisoner in World War II. "Word came! Our fears were real-

ized. It stabbed us like a knife. Our boy so loved his freedom that he bought it with his life."

Afterward, Lilly's remains were buried in a family plot at nearby Cross Creek Cemetery.

The services were attended by Lilly's widow, two sisters, old friends and younger relatives — only a few of whom were old enough to remember him.

Garrett Dale, Lilly's 22-year-old great-nephew, is in the Air Force. He had researched Lilly's story, but learned much more since the DNA match was made in June.

"I was rather overjoyed," Dale said. "This is such a rare occurrence. It does hit you with national pride that they're still trying to find [remains]. To know even in death, he's still one of our own."

Lilly was one of more than 8,100 servicemen considered missing in action from the Korean War. He belonged to the 1st Battalion of the 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. His company was wiped out at the battle of the Pusan Perimeter, one of the most violent of the war.

Lilly died Sept. 3, 1950, he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star.

His remains were identified



Alma Hodes, seated right, is presented a POW/MIA flag by Frank Hicks of Rolling Thunder during funeral services for 2nd Lt. Edmund "Teddy" Lilly III at Cross Creek Cemetery in Fayetteville, N.C., on Thursday. Next to Hodes are Lilly's sisters Victoria "Tori" MacMillan, left, and Elizabeth Ann Barrett. Lilly was killed in action during the Korean War.

from those of about 1,000 soldiers in buried Hawaii's Punchbowl Cemetery using DNA samples taken from his sisters. Only a few servicemen from the cemetery have been identified, according to the Pentagon's POW/MIA Office.

Retired Col. William Baxley spent three years as Lilly's room-

mate at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and graduated with him in 1950.

Baxley was supposed to go to Korea, too, but he was sent to Alaska instead.

"I wrote him a letter from Alaska, and I got it back," Baxley said. "I think it said 'missing in action.' Just returned, unopened."

Woman takes over house, identity while owner travels

The Associated Press

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga. — A woman came home from vacation to find a stranger living there, wearing her clothes, changing utilities into her name and even ripping out carpet and repainting a room she didn't like, authorities said.

Douglas County authorities say they can't explain why Beverly Valentine, 54, broke into an empty home and started acting like it was her own.

During the 2½ weeks the owner, Beverly Mitchell, was on vacation in Greece, Valentine allegedly redecorated the ranch home, ripping up carpet and taking down the owner's pictures and replacing them with her own.

Mitchell was a complete unknown to Valentine, said Chief Sheriff's Deputy Stan Copeland. He said he had no idea how Valentine knew Mitchell was gone.

Valentine was being held in Douglas County Jail on a \$25,000 bond, Copeland said. If convicted, she could face one to 20 years in prison. Copeland said Friday that he believed Valentine did not have a lawyer.

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Survivor talks of 'second chance'

Man amazed to be alive after crash

BY ERIN VAN BRONKHORST
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Matthew Ramage knew immediately how lucky he was in the moments after the small plane he was riding in crashed into the Montana wilderness a month ago.

And to hear him tell it, he was just as lucky that he wasn't the only one to still be alive.

Two people onboard were killed. Two others survived — including 23-year-old Jodee Hogg, who Ramage said helped him escape from the smoldering wreckage.

"My right boot was lodged on something, and her strength jostled me free and if it weren't for her I don't know if I could have gotten out of the plane by myself," he said Wednesday, a month after the Sept. 20 crash near Glacier National Park, where the Forest Service workers were being ferried to conduct an annual vegetation in-

ventory and repair telecommunication facilities.

Considering where they were, cheating death on impact was just the beginning of Ramage's struggle to survive.

Looking down, Ramage saw that his hands were badly burned and his clothing was charred and in tatters. His back was broken — a compression fracture. Hogg had suffered a sprained foot and back.

"I was just glad that I survived and amazed that I had survived," he said. "It's like being given a second chance, and gaining a new perspective on life."

That first snowy, windy night, Hogg and passenger Ken Good, who also made it out of the plane, made a "Matt sandwich," holding him to protect him, he said. Good was a big man and his body provided heat for all of them, Ramage said.

By the next morning, Good was



Matthew Ramage, of Jackson Hole, Wyo., looks around during a news conference on Wednesday at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle where he spoke about surviving a small plane crash.

dead — and no rescuers had arrived.

But there was another stroke of luck: Despite his injuries, Ramage could still walk.

The 30-year-old donned the dead man's flight jacket and the two began their hike out of Montana's rugged Great Bear-Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. Ground crews reached the burned wreckage later that day but found no signs of the survivors and believed all aboard had perished.

Along the way, Ramage had to lie awkwardly on his stomach to drink water from streams, then somehow get back up. When he

wanted nothing more than to stop and rest, Ramage says Hogg kept him going.

Ramage's family, meanwhile, had been told by authorities that he was certainly dead. Relatives had even begun making funeral preparations while he and Hogg were traveling some three to five miles over rough terrain, a painful journey that would take them 29 hours.

"The first real recognition that we were going to make it was when we heard a train — there's Antrak that goes through there along Highway 2 — and we knew basically where we were and that it was only a few miles to go," he said.

After they flagged down motorists, Ramage was taken by helicopter to a hospital in Kalispell, Mont., and then transferred to Harborview in Seattle, the region's burn center.

Walking stiffly, Ramage wore a back brace and treatment gloves Wednesday, five days after being released. He underwent two skin-graft surgeries for burns on his chest, right thigh and right hand during his 25-day hospital stay.

The Jackson, Wyo., native will travel to Montana and then to his mother's home in Albany, N.Y., to complete his recovery.

Woman given liver honors late donor, 7, in Calif. town

The Associated Press

BODEGA BAY, Calif. — Ten years after a 7-year-old boy was slain in Italy — and his parents touched the nation by donating his organs — one of the organ recipients traveled to the child's hometown to help honor him.

Maria Pia Pedala was dying of hepatitis in September 1994 when Nicholas Green was fatally shot in the head after robbers opened fire on his family's car as they traveled on vacation in Calabria.

The tragedy was front-page news in Italy, and the story grew even bigger with the organ donation — something comparatively rare in that country at the time. Pedala, one of seven patients to receive transplants, was in a coma when she received Nicholas' liver.

"I'm here thanks to Nicholas," she said. "Nicholas is the first thing I think of when I wake up in the morning and the last thing I think of before I go to sleep."

On Thursday, Pedala headed for Nicholas' hometown of Bodega Bay for a ceremony at the Children's Bell Tower, built in the boy's memory. She brought with her a 10-pound bell to present to a man who's running for the 10th consecutive year in a 199-mile relay designed to raise awareness of organ donation.

This weekend, Pedala planned to be at the start and the finish of the race, which begins in the wine country community of Calistoga and ends in the beach town of Santa Cruz.



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Video games stage digital race for White House

Editor's note: Arts and entertainment have long converged with politics. But this year, something different is in the air—and on movie screens, in bookstores, on the radio, and everywhere else media is consumed.

This is the last part of a six-part series.

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Super Mario for president? Probably not (since he wasn't born in America), but for the first time in presidential politics video games have entered the race, joining Internet blogs as the 2004 election's newest format for political expression.

So what options do gamers have in the digital campaign? Armchair political junkies can try to outfox President Bush's election strategist Karl Rove or attempt to run a better campaign than Sen.

John Kerry by building support in battleground states in "The Political Machine."

Meanwhile, with a downloadable mission for the shooting adventure "Kuma War," anyone curious about the battle in which John Kerry won his Silver Star for heroism can step into his combat boots and engage in a firefight from the deck of swift boat on the Mekong Delta in 1969.

Those who like a dose of gross-out humor with their intricate public-policy debate can try out "Bushgame.com," in which 1980s TV characters wage war against monsters in the Bush administration.

The reward at the end of each goofy level: a text critique that lambastes the president's positions on Iraq, the economy, taxes and Social Security as bad for America's future.

Some game developers take a

nonpartisan approach. In "The Political Machine," you can play as either candidate, and the issues they face—gun control, terrorism, education—are spun for or against either contender.

Players compete by building campaign headquarters, collecting contributions, broadcasting ads, and supporting issues that are traditional to their respective parties, said Larry Kuperman, marketing executive for game creator Stardock Entertainment.

"A Republican that came out and said, 'I don't think anyone should ever be able to own a gun'—that's saying, 'I want to lose the election as quickly as possible,'" Kuperman said.

Others, like 25-year-old "Bushgame" creator Jason Oda, are out to make a point.

"The average [Internet] surfer is not interested in politics. No one is going to decide who they're going to vote for based on the video game, but if they play an anti-Kerry game, and they're anti-Kerry, it makes them laugh."

David Sicherman

Proprietor of KerrySucks.com

"I just hoped that people can go beyond the obvious little soundbites you hear all the time and have better ammunition and better understanding of the reasons why Bush should be out of the White House," he said.

In the game, which can be played on the Internet, players start out as Mr. T, Hulk Hogan or He-Man fighting "corporate pigs" and mutant versions of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, Attorney General John Ashcroft or Vice President Dick Cheney.

Digital versions of Howard Dean (with "super scream" action), Christopher Reeve (whose character wants stem-cell research) and Howard Stern join the fight as you progress. In one level, the player must wait for an explanation of the nation's soar-

ing budget deficit under Bush to play out as a bridge to a new fighting arena.

Oda acknowledges it's got its share of bad taste, too: Players try to stop the president's father and mother, George and Barbara, from mating and producing other Bushes, which shoot out from between her legs and go on the attack.

He said he was aiming at young "South Park" fans who may not care about politics, and sees this kind of humor as a way to educate them and get them to vote.

Gross-out tactics aren't limited to Democrats.

David Sicherman, 31, proprietor of KerrySucks.com, showcases games like "The Kerry Torture Chamber," which allows players to kick the Massachusetts senator in the groin or poke his eye bloody.

He described it as good-natured catharsis for the politically frustrated.

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Putting the XXX in V-Box

Video game companies turn focus from Pong to porn

BY DON OLDENBURG

The Washington Post

The bikini-clad coed draws a blank on the first question: "Which king in a deck of cards has no mustache?"

Chueless, she adjusts her skimpy top and says, "Spades?" "Wrong!" shouts the game host. Knowing what's coming next, the college guys grunt and hoot and the babes scream "wooo!" For missing the question, the happy coed must pull her top down.

Topless babes are the payoff in "The Guy Game," a new trivia video game whose raunchy banter and racy content falls somewhere between barely decent and indecently bare. Players must answer trivia questions correctly

and guess whether busty coeds will. The more right answers, the less the digital "knocker blockers" obscure the nudity.

By the end, it's topless rope jumping and sack races.

Get ready for video games gone wild this fall: Several mainstream game publishers are releasing bawdy games containing nudity and explicit sexual content. "The Guy Game" and "Leisure Suit Larry: Magna Cum Laude" are already out. An adults-only "Singles: Flirt Up Your Life" is being sold online, with a toned-down M-rated version on the way. November will bring "Playboy: The Mansion" and "Rumble Roses," the first all-women's wrestling game, featuring unquestionably dirty moves.

These are the raciest games

ever made for the mainstream market, their graphic graphics setting a precedent for a whole new sexual dimension. Some experts say it's the next evolution in the industry, one that could expand the focus of the "M" rating from bad language and violence to prurience.

Why now? Because the first gaming generation has grown up. The \$7.5 billion-a-year video game industry now caters to players whose average age is 29, not the nerdy teen stereotype, according to the Entertainment Software Association. Yet 85 percent of all games sold in 2003 were rated "E" for everyone or "T" for teen.

"It would be naive to think, given that market," said ESA President Douglas Lowenstein, "that forevermore video gaming would be a completely pure and chaste field."

Leading the pack since its August release is "The Guy Game," which one reviewer called "You Don't Know Jack" with boobs," referring to the popular trivia video game series. Jeff Spangenberg, CEO of TopHeavy Studios, makers of "The Guy Game," said reviews have been mixed but there have been good, though he wouldn't provide figures.

"Some people see the game for what it is, which is a game geared

toward guys about things guys like — competing against your buddies, showing up your buddies and topless nudity," he said. "But other people were just so offended that there is sex in a video game and they could not get over that."

If the topic is naked, you can bet Playboy isn't far from the action.

The upcoming "Playboy: The Mansion" allows players to be Hugh Hefner and build the Playboy empire. An M-rated takeoff on the popular company-building game "Tycoon," the game's hardly all business: Around practically every corner is a bevy of bunnies.

"This is not a game so you can



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With the first generation of video gamers now in their late 20s and early 30s, game companies are catering to their older audiences with racier games. "Playboy: The Mansion" gives players a chance to be Hugh Hefner and build the Playboy empire.

see dirty pictures — you can use the Internet for that," said Joe Minton, president of the game's publisher, Cyberlore Studios.

"It's a really cool game. It's like seeing an R-rated movie that's a really good movie," said Minton said. The game, along with other sexual-content titles, got a publicity gose from October's Playboy magazine's most come-lither vixens were featured in a five-page nude pictorial called "Gaming Grows Up."

Among those showing off their digital assets is the half-vampire, half-vamp BloodRayne.

"She's coy and there is definite innuendo, but there's no rampant sex or nudity in the game and I don't anticipate her ever getting naked there," said Ken Gold, vice president of marketing at Majesco, maker of "BloodRayne

2," released Oct. 12.

Sex in video games isn't altogether new. Game designers made a few adult titles before ESRB ratings began labeling content in 1994. The original late-'80s "Leisure Suit Larry" featured cameos from showgirls in which disco loser Larry tries to seduce overly endowed women.

Since then, bikini-clad babes and slutty prostitutes have popped up in various games. But last year's "BMX XXX" took the cheesecake, rewarding players for completing bike stunts with video clips of topless strippers.

Many stores wouldn't stock it. Its maker, Acclaim, filed for bankruptcy in August, though "BMX XXX" didn't single-handedly bring it down. But if reviewers dismissed its nudity as gratuitous, this year's games are getting a more serious look.

The ESA's Lowenstein says concerned parents can breathe easy.

"I don't think there is any question there are some games that are pushing the envelope when it comes to sexual content," he said. "But it remains to be seen how successful those games will be. In the end, it is still all about the quality of the game."

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Home drug test kits gather mixed results

BY JULIE MCCORMICK

Scripps Howard

Kendra Wetterland didn't mind all that much when her mom decided to start testing her for pot smoking with a home test kit from a store.

"I didn't understand why she would do that if she knew I was using, but it showed she cared," said the attractive 16-year-old from Gig Harbor, Wash.

Trouble was, Kendra was testing her regularly at the time, but the tests her mother administered twice a month never gave a positive result.

She is now in treatment for methamphetamine use.

Home drug testing kits became available

to parents after the Food and Drug Administration approved them six years ago and have proved popular not only at retailers but through scores of sites on the Internet.

But a new study of the kits available online concluded that they can be unreliable. Plus, many don't offer concerned parents enough information to accurately administer a test. And most overly emphasize the unproven claim that regular testing by parents offers a child an excuse to give parents who pressure them to try drugs, researchers at Children's Hospital in Boston reported.

"Laboratory testing for drugs of abuse is a technically challenging procedure, even for medical professionals," wrote the researchers. They also found information in some kits inconsistent and confusing about what drugs they were intended to detect.

"In addition, none of the sites described the different stages of drug use or gave parents insight into the different treatment needs for an experimental user versus a teen with a diagnosis of abuse or dependency," they wrote.

Most important, parents who use home drug tests can jeopardize the vital trust relationship with their child, the researchers warned.

Only one kit purveyor they surveyed warned parents about forcing children to submit to tests, a practice professionals dismiss as invasive and counterproductive.

Someone who sell drug test kits over the Internet also sell the means to outsmart them, researchers found.

Local parents who have dealt with drug

use by their children give mixed reviews to the use of home drug testing.

Without the benefit of the researchers' insights, some believe it could be an aid to parents.

"I think the home tests are good. It at least gives you a starting point," said Robert Gardner, whose 15-year-old son, Chris Kurtz, started treatment after confessing his marijuana dependency.

Gardner did not test Chris for drugs, but learned of his problem after Chris started getting into trouble with the law and missing school.

Chris said he wouldn't have agreed to testing even if his parents had proposed it.

"I wouldn't do it because I think at the point I was using, I wasn't ready to admit something needed to be done," he said.

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Q I see Hugh Grant not only has a new film out next month, "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason," but also a new lady. Can you tell us about her? — Nora R., Ozone Park, N.Y.
A She's Jemima Khan, 30, daughter of the late billionaire Sir James Goldsmith and former wife of Pakistan's great cricketer Imran Khan, with whom she has two children. Though, 44, seems serious about Jemima, but her friends say that, for once, he has met someone even more commitment-phobic than he is.

Q Brad Cotter has been on the country-music scene for a long time. How much did winning on "Nashville Star" improve his career? — J. Turner, Dallas, Texas



USA

This "Nashville star" plans to play for troops in Europe.

Q Rick Schroder was terrific on "NYPD Blue." What has he done since leaving that cop show? — D. Douglas, Chatham, N.Y.

A Nothing for TV. Rick, whose breakout role came at age 5 in "The Champ," recently directed another boxing film, "Black Cloud," about a Native American who becomes a Golden Gloves winner. It opened this month and was financed by five tribes in Arizona, where Rick, 34, lives with his Mormon wife, Andrea, 31, and their three kids. He next plans to direct a film about the two wives of a Mormon pioneer in the 1800s, based on his own script.

Q Why would the producers of "CSI: Miami" kill off such a likable character as "Speed"? — Maryann Larson, Clearwater, Fla.

A "Don't be mad at CBS. I asked to get out of my contract," says Rory Cochrane, 32, who played the geeky-but-cool forensic tech Tim Speedle. "I ran out of steam after the monotony of the same explanatory scientific dialogue for two years." Rory says he's forbidden to do another TV series for four years but is in a feature film, "A Scanner Darkly," due out next year.



CBS

Rory Cochrane, who played a forensic specialist on "CSI: Miami," says he left the show on his own terms.



The WB

Alicia Keys: Don't bother calling this successful singer's number.

Q I heard that R&B singer Alicia Keys gives out her phone number in her CD "The Diary of Alicia Keys." True? — Diane Polk, Pittsburgh, Pa.

A No. It's an old number she no longer uses. But Alicia, 23, has been racking up some real numbers with "Diary." The CD has sold more than 3 million copies. And in November she'll publish a book of her song lyrics and poems, titled "Tears for Water."

Q I love Andy Rooney's commentary on "60 Minutes." My husband says he's married. I say no. A but is riding on this. Who's right? — Punky Harding, Roundup, Mont.

A Andy's wife of 62 years, Marguerite, died last April at 84. Andy himself is 85 and going strong. "I feel that people who retire just peter out," he tells us. "I have one of the greatest jobs in the world. Why would I ever want to retire?" We hope he never does.

Q To whom did Sen. Hillary Clinton turn for advice when she learned that her husband was going to undergo quadruple-bypass surgery? — D. Cole, Portland, Ore.

A An unlikely source: Tennessee Sen. Bill Frist, 52, the Republican majority leader and an acclaimed heart-transplant surgeon. They occupy opposite ends of the political spectrum — and may end up opposing each other in the 2008 Presidential race — but Dr. Frist reassured Mrs. Clinton, 56, telling her that he knew her husband's surgeons, and they were among the world's best. The two senators also co-authored an op-ed piece in The Washington Post calling for wider use of information technology in health care.

Q Charles Lindbergh was one of America's greatest heroes. But I've heard he had a secret second family in Germany. True? — J. Maroney, Lewes, Del.

A Yes. DNA tests last year confirmed that Lindbergh — an first man to fly solo across the Atlantic nonstop — had three illegitimate children in Germany. His relationship with Brigitte Hesschimer, a Munich hat maker, lasted from 1957 to his death in 1974 at 72. "Lucky Lindy's" wife, Anne, was lucky enough to die at 93 in 2001, apparently unaware of the affair. Brigitte died the same year at 74.



KRT

Q Is Gwyneth Paltrow really abandoning her movie career for motherhood? — Vicki Catalain, Cave Creek, Ariz.

A No. When a highly paid movie star starts talking about giving up her day job, it's always a good idea to listen carefully to what she says. Gwyneth's exact words were: "I can't imagine going back to shoot a movie." After a few more months of early-morning feedings and diaper changes, we predict her imagination will improve.

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For all its negativism and nastiness, this fall's campaign has been instructive in one very im-
portant way. It has given us a
much better understanding of the
strengths and weaknesses of John Ker-
ry's and George Bush's approach to
the job of being president.

David Broder
The learning has come from two sources. One is our first-hand observation of the sharply contrasting ways these two men considered and answered questions in their three debates. The other is some far-
reaching journalism exploring in considerable depth how the candidates have made decisions and how they manage their staffs in their present jobs.

Because he has been president for almost 40 years, I have been kind of a lot about Bush. We know that he is someone who operates from clear, explicit moral and religious principles; relies on instincts to guide his judgments; persists in a chosen course of action, even when conditions change and serious obstacles arise; and displays to the public an optimistic, engaging personality.

But in the course of the last few months, far more of the hazards of his approach have become apparent: a reluctance to recognize errors or correct them; a tendency to deal with issues in a single dimension; a reluctance to delve deeply into the broader effects of his own policy decisions; a dependence on a small, closed circle of advisers; and an impatience when challenged.

In looking ahead to a possible second term, it is safe to assume that the same strengths and weaknesses would continue, even if his priorities should change from Iraq and tax reduction to Iran and Social Security reform.

We know much less about Kerry be-

cause his work as a senator from Massachusetts for almost two decades had not really merited careful national analysis. The positive qualities he has displayed — this year and in the past — are an ability to dig deeply into a subject and master its details, to formulate and articulate reasonable-sounding (if untested) proposals, and a knack for exploiting political openings while avoiding political threats.

But we also know much more about his liabilities: a tendency to overstudy issues, procrastinate and avoid hard choices; a willingness to be swayed by conflicting advice; an awkwardness in dealing with colleagues and staff; and a frequent impression that decisions are being guided by opportunism rather than firm beliefs.

In an ideal world, a president would combine the best qualities of both men, giving us a chief executive with firm principles, a winning personality, an agile mind, a mastery of policy, superior political skills and a gift of eloquence. That candidate is not in the field this year.

Instead, what we have are two examples of what Charles O. Jones, the presidential scholar who has ties to both the University of Wisconsin-Madison and The Brookings Institution, says are archetypes reflecting their dissimilar histories.

Bush is the classic business-government executive, measuring his day in decisions made and confident as any CEO could hope to be in both his choices of senior associates and his own course of action. But as Jones points out, a business executive who misjudges a plant manager or invests in the wrong product can damage a company — and its stock price — but not wreck the nation by refusing to see the error of his ways.

Kerry is, in Jones' phrase, a classic backbench senator, a man who has found his rewards in picking out a few issues to explore and in being noted for the way he talks about them. Such senators do not aspire to leadership posts or committee chairmanships, nor are they noted for the balls they pass. For them, government is a largely verbal arena, not one measured by concrete results.

As a rule, Americans have preferred — and elected — executives, rather than legislators, governors (or generals), rather than backbench senators. Former Gov. Ronald Reagan easily defeated former Sen. Walter Mondale; Bill Clinton did the same to Bob Dole.

Jones said this has been generally a sound instinct on the part of the voters, because executive decision-making is what makes political accountability possible. But it is Bush's reluctance to be held accountable for such large consequences of his policy choices as Iraq's problems and our budget deficits that has made another term questionable.

Viewed in this light, the choice for the country becomes one of confirming an executive with visible and even fundamental shortcomings or entrusting the presidency to a man whose habits of mind and of action are far removed from the challenges of the White House.

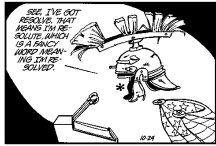
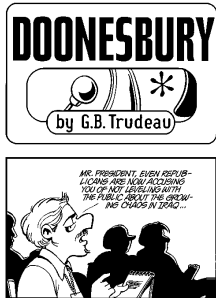
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OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

Haiti's need is immediate
Chicago Tribune

As if the ravages of Hurricane Jeanne were not enough, Haiti's unsolved political problems are slowing the vaccine's progress out the country, mainly in Gonaïves, the scene of the greatest hurricane damage, but also in the capital of Port-au-Prince. Bands of supporters of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide are roaming the streets, like vermin fresh out of a sewer, stealing food and decapitating, Iraqi-style, members of what's left of Haiti's police force.

[More than] two weeks ago, the Bush administration asked Congress for \$100 million to aid all the Caribbean islands hit by hurricanes this season, but Haiti's share has not been decided yet. To that you can add \$1.2 billion in aid pledged by a number of countries at a summit on Haiti this summer — before the hurricane — and intended to stabilize the country's economy.

An awful lot of money, isn't it? But the mayhem is going on now and most of the funds pledged — except for the \$114 million already disbursed by the United States and immediate aid from a number of charitable organizations — won't be flowing for several months, if not years....

The crisis in Haiti will not wait that long. The winning class will be the scores more people and sink the prospects for an election next year and the installation of a democratic government in 2006.

International aid — the U.N. has asked for \$59 million for humanitarian aid over the next six months — must be expedited.

Flu-shot flubs can be fatal
Durango (Colo.) Herald

In 2001, approximately 3,000 people died in terrorist attacks on the United States. By contrast, 12 times that many died of influenza and its complications. Flu has killed an average of 36,000 people every year recently and, this year, with its 50 percent shortage of flu vaccine, is likely to be worse.

This is not the first year our nation's system for preparing for the annual flu season has failed us. Last year, because of the lead time required to produce flu vaccine, the supply available for the 2003-2004 flu season was not a close match for the strains of flu that actually circulated. The flu season, which usually begins in late fall and peaks after Christmas, began much earlier, and not enough vaccine was available to meet the demand.

Fortunately, the flu season ended early and with no great epidemic resulted from the vaccine problems.

This year, the issue is a different one, and possibly worse. The U.S. supply of available flu vaccine has been reduced by nearly half because of bacterial contamination in a British manufacturing plant....

Remember the statistical comparison: Flu has more people than terrorism, more people than war. Our health agencies need to get it right next year and every year after that, and they need to have better plans for dealing with unforeseen circumstances, which seem to crop up every year.

Vote didn't end draft debate
The Spokesman-Review,
Spokane, Wash.

"No draft! Got it?"

That's what Congress appeared to say when it voted down a military draft bill by

Drugs we can get...



a resounding 402-2. But the bill wasn't proposed for passing until the political point that if all young men and women could be pressed into service, the country might be less supportive of military action.

That aside, there's another issue that isn't addressed by an up-or-down vote on reinstituting the draft. Do we have enough troops to carry out the various military missions around the globe? It seems clear that there is no political or grass-roots support for reinstituting the draft. But if experts who say the military is already stretched thin are right, then what is the nation going to do?... A study ordered by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld reported that the United States has an inadequate force to carry out all of its missions.

The Bush administration says it is in the midst of streamlining the military, which will allow it to do more with less. Congress did authorize 20,000 more soldiers for the Army (Democratic presidential candidate and Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry wants to double that number and dramatically increase the Army's special operations force).

None of these solutions gets at the short-term peril facing the military, particularly in Iraq, where 137,000 troops are deployed in harm's way. If a crisis erupts elsewhere, such as Iran or North Korea, the military will have a difficult time responding....

Those are legitimate questions and until they're answered sufficiently, rumors of the draft will persist.

Office's power overstated
The Gazette,
Colorado Springs, Colo.

No one runs for president to acknowledge his own or the office's limitations, or because he suffers from low self-esteem. But we wish, for the sake of this republican form of government, that presidential contenders and their camps would stop talking and acting as if the president were vested with godlike power.

On countless occasions during the presidential debates, we heard both candidates claiming extraordinary powers that the Constitution simply does not grant a president, seriously talking as though it were in any chief executive's power to unilaterally fix the economy, provide people with jobs,

eliminate the deficit, control prescription drug costs, guarantee public safety and personally hunt down and kill Osama bin Laden. We can't recall hearing either candidate acknowledge that something, anything, might be beyond a president's control, much less impossible without the involvement of Congress and the courts.

Bottom line drives carmakers
The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch

Federal law requires that automakers and tire manufacturers report to the government any problems with their products. When this information relates to safety, it ought to be made available to the public.

But, to the detriment of consumers, the industry has convinced the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that openness is a bad idea.

Automakers say releasing such information would add competitors, handing them tools for negative publicity and allowing them to learn from a rival's mistakes.

But to imply that a dangerous defect shouldn't be public information simply because that would give one automaker an edge over another is unacceptable.

Censorship not right solution
Journal Star, Peoria, Ill.

Imagine if NBC ordered its affiliates to air Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" in prime time, 10 days before the election.

We'd expect to hear all sorts of outrage from offended conservatives, screaming foul play and Bush-bashing....

Well, that has pretty much happened, except in reverse.

[Hunt Valley, Md.]-based Sinclair Broadcast Group had ordered all 62 of the television stations it owns... to run "Stolen Honor: Wounds That Never Heal," a movie critical of John Kerry's post-Vietnam War behavior.

You might say many Democrats are miffed. As evidence, they're putting up as many roadblocks to the film's broadcast as they can. May they be quite unsuccessful, mostly because of a little thing called the First Amendment.

[On Tuesday, Sinclair said that parts of "Stolen Honor" will be shown during "A POW Story: Politics, Pressure and the Media," a program examining the use of

documentaries to influence elections that will air on 40 Sinclair stations.]

Oh, that's not to suggest that they're wrong to be concerned about opinion masquerading as news, signaling a return to that bad days in America when so much journalism came in shades of yellow....

Even so, we cannot join the censors, equally wrong no matter their ideology. We'd only ask that viewers accept this broadcast for what it is, that they approach it with the same healthy skepticism they'd approach Moore's work or anybody else's in this marketplace of competing ideas. Beyond that, they're always free to change channels.

No cure for what ails policy
Los Angeles Times

Thirty-six thousand Americans die of the flu every year. If that number rises by just a tenth because we have only half as much flu vaccine as we need, the increase in deaths will exceed the number killed by Osama bin Laden on Sept. 11, 2001.

It's paradoxical that the flu is so common. As in the 2001 catastrophe, officials of the Bush administration are claiming ignorance as if it were a virtue. They say they had no idea the vaccine shortage would happen. They are pinning the blame on neglect by previous administrations.

And they are bragging about everything they are doing — now — to prevent this kind of thing in the future. But, as with the 9/11 terrorist attacks, it didn't take long for various filed-and-forgotten reports to resurface, all of them warning about the danger of a flu-vaccine shortage.

Hindsight is cheap, of course. Washington is the world's leading manufacturer of dire warnings. You can't heed them all. But there were other hints as well. Lesser flu vaccine screw-ups have been common in recent years. Clearly, the system was broken....

The shot problem could have happened under any president.

But it was more likely to happen under this one because preventive measures conflict with the idea of "yep." When frail elderly people are falling down dead as they plod from clinic to drugstore in search of vaccine, and a black market is growing to serve those who can pay hundreds of dollars for a single dose, it is not a good moment for bromides about the evils of letting big government allocate health care.

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Frog causes stir

GA SAVANNAH — The small frogs that croaked in Diane Butler's backyard pond had been silenced and her goldfish were disappearing. But she had bagged the culprit, and skinned the body in her freezer.

Butler's capture of a 4½-inch Cuban tree frog in coastal Savannah has caused a nervous stir among wildlife biologists in Georgia and Florida.

The exotic amphibian invaded the Florida Keys nearly 80 years ago and slowly spread throughout the state, devouring native frogs and insects in its path. But Butler's catch marks the first time the species has been documented in Georgia.

That's bad news if the Cuban frogs, known to hitchhike to new homes in shipments of potted plants, are breeding in Georgia, biologists say.

Inmate claims crime

NY SARATOGA SPRINGS — An 82-year-old convicted killer serving a life sentence in a New Jersey prison claims he and his brother were responsible for an unsolved jewel heist that has perplexed authorities for nearly 40 years.

But some doubt the inmate's story, including the police chief who investigated the 1967 theft of nearly \$800,000 in jewels from a wealthy couple's home in upstate New York.

Allison Williams told the Philadelphia Inquirer the heist was pulled off by his brother, Cliff, a year after they cased the home owned by Marylou Whitney and her husband at the time, Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney.

Retired Saratoga Springs Police Chief Peter Pemberton also said Williams was "full of hot air."

Still, local authorities will reopen the case even though Williams could not be prosecuted because the statute of limitations has expired.

Williams was convicted in 1991 of killing a witness who was about to testify against him in court.

Missing mom located

TX ARLINGTON — Police have located the mother of a young boy whose neighbors took turns caring for him and waited weeks to call police after she disappeared, authorities said.

Investigators were interviewing Juline Bullard, 44, who was jailed on \$5,000 bond on a child abandonment charge. The woman was located after authorities got a tip, police spokeswoman Christy Gilfoeur said.

Bullard allegedly told authorities that someone had agreed to care for the child for three months while she sought housing and a job.

The boy, known only as "Teddy," told neighbors he is 3 but may be as old as 5, authorities said.

More forgery charges

IN BLOOMINGTON — A man charged with forgery allegedly tried to get out of jail by —



what else? — forging documents for his release.

Now, 20-year-old Jared J. Bailey faces new felony charges of attempted escape and forgery.

Investigators say Bailey forged the signature of Monroe Circuit Judge Douglas R. Bridges on a court order that purportedly changed his bail from \$100,000 surety bond to \$500 in cash.

Bailey's old roommate told police that Bailey asked him to fax the fake papers to Bailey's attorney. The friend said he went to a copy store with a fax number he thought was the attorney's, but the documents went to the jail instead, according to an affidavit.

The fake document is complete with a clerk's office stamp and a template similar to the real thing. Jail staff viewed the papers as suspicious and did not release Bailey, whose bond has since been raised to \$250,000 surety.

Bailey is also awaiting trial on charges of burglary, felony battery, confinement with a deadly weapon, attempted armed robbery and impersonating a police officer.

Site may yield diamonds

MT HELENA — The bright green rocks jutting through the prairie soil were hard to miss, but Tom Charlton still couldn't believe his eyes.

It was kimberlite, the molten rock in which diamonds are found, and preliminary tests had yielded a microscopic diamond. If more



Fall already done?

The fall of falls colors are seen with a view of a church steeple in Middlebury, Vt., on Thursday.

are found at the 80-acre site known as the Homestead property, the land could become the state's first-ever commercial diamond operation and the only working diamond mine in the United States, geologists said.

Canada currently has the only diamond mines operating in North America.

"It's once in a lifetime. You just don't find things like that every day," said Charlton, an official with Delta Mining and Exploration Corp.

The Kentucky-based firm plans to begin large-scale exploration of the central Montana site next month.

Park study for nuke site

WA YAKIMA — President Bush has signed a bill requiring the federal government to study the potential for adding historic Manhattan Project sites, including a reactor at the Hanford nuclear site, to the national park system.

Former nuclear workers and concerned residents for years have been trying to preserve Hanford's B Reactor as a museum. The world's first full-scale plutonium production nuclear reactor, B Reactor was built as part of the top-secret Manhattan Project to build an atomic bomb.

The south-central Washington reactor produced the plutonium for the first man-made nuclear blast, the Trinity test in New Mexico on July 16, 1945. B Reactor also produced the plutonium for the bomb that was dropped that August on Nagasaki, Japan, during World War II.

Group tears down ghoul

FL ST. PETERSBURG — It had the face of Frankenstein and the hands of a werewolf.

Outfitted in jeans and flannel shirt, the creature — stuffed with crumpled newspaper — hung by the neck on a homemade gallows outside a house in St. Petersburg.

To its owner, "Bob" was a Halloween decoration. But to Omali Yeshitela, it was a racially charged symbol of hate.

On Tuesday, as police officers on the scene scrambled to contact the homeowner at work after Yeshitela and others from the International People's Democratic Uhuru Movement tore the dummy down.

"There is no history of hanging ghoulies in this country but there is history of hanging African people," said Yeshitela.

Colleen Watson was surprised and upset when police called her at work to say the display her 15-year-old son had spent two days creating had been torn down. She said it had never occurred to her it would offend anyone.

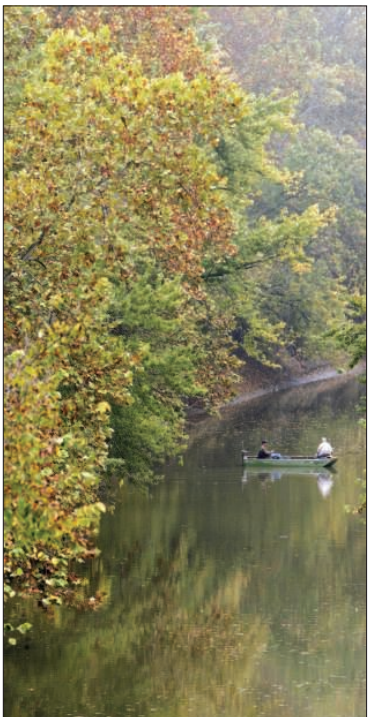
More parking at park

MA BOSTON — The creation of a 30-acre park stop Boston's Big Dig underground highway project will provide a precious commodity in the city: up to 175 on-street parking spaces. Just who will get to use the spaces around the Rose Kennedy Greenway is uncertain. The public can voice opinions during a pair of comment periods in the next two weeks.



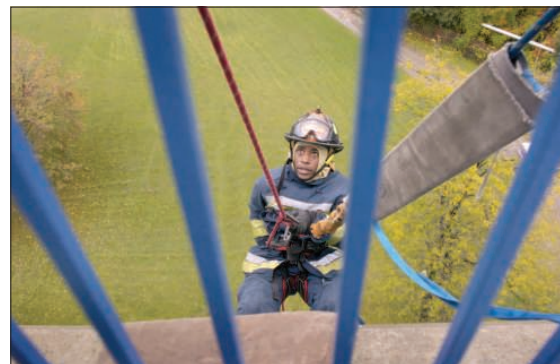
Annual film fest on

Wood Roofing Company employee David Beck of Hot Springs, Ark., walks past a mural along the north side of the Malco Theater in Hot Springs, Ark., on Thursday. The historic downtown theater houses the Hot Springs Documentary Film Institute. The institute's 13th annual film festival began Friday and runs through Oct. 31. Beck is part of a crew doing some repairs on the roof.



Peaceful pastime

A quiet fall afternoon attracts Bob Rafols of DeSoto, Kan., and Bob Nickle of Tonganoxie, Kan., to the Wakarusa River near Eudora, Kan., for a day of fishing amidst the changing trees on Thursday.



A long way down Rochester firefighter trainee Amon Hudson rappels off the Pont de Rennes Bridge in Rochester, N.Y., on Thursday as part of his training. Each fall, candidates go through a 13-week training course before they are eligible to become Rochester firefighters.



Truck fire destroys bridge A truck that was carrying log smolders beneath the Interstate 65 and Interstate 59 interchange Thursday in Birmingham, Ala. The truck caught fire around 7 a.m. and burnt the interstate exchange above it. Officials say the bridge will have to be removed.



Fog creeping in Low early morning fog covers a portion of Highway 178 and other parts of the Kern River Valley as a solo vehicle makes its way through it with headlights visible Thursday near Lake Isabella, Calif.

Squid wash up dead

WA LONG BEACH — When hundreds of giant squid washed up dead on the Long Beach Peninsula last weekend, Dean Marsh knew exactly what to do: He stocked his freezer.

"No sense letting them go to waste," said the 57-year-old bait salesman, who planned to cut them up and sell them to fishermen.

An estimated 1,000 to 1,500 Humboldt jumbo flying squid — typically found off the coast of Mexico — have washed up on southwest Washington beaches in the past few days, said Greg Bargmann, a marine fish manager with the state Fish and Wildlife Department.

What's killing them isn't clear. They're like salmon. They spawn and then they die," Bargmann said. "I don't know if this is post-spawning, or if the waters got so cold they couldn't take it anymore."

Tuna fishermen first reported seeing the squid about 30 miles off the southwest Washington coast in August. At the time, the ocean water was significantly warmer than usual — 67 degrees, instead of 50 to 55 degrees.

Ever since, the squid have surprised anglers as far north as Sitka, Alaska. One salmon fisherman in British Columbia hauled in a 6½-foot, 44-pound squid this month — a specimen that's now in a formaldehyde tank at the Royal British Columbia Museum.

Some people have called Bargmann to ask if they can eat the dead squid they find on the beach.

"I sure wouldn't eat them. It would be like eating a deer on the side of the road," Bargmann said. "But if you catch them live, they'd be good."

Fair breaks record

SC COLUMBIA — Organizers credit beautiful weather with helping the State Fair break a 12-year attendance record. Fair officials said 630,152 people came through the gates. That broke the old record of 612,399 set in 1992. Most of the credit goes to mild temperatures and clear skies, fair spokeswoman Nancy Smith said.

Health plan to close

AZ PHOENIX — Maricopa County will close a health plan at the end of the year that provides low premiums and co-pays to about 5,600 seniors. The Maricopa Senior Select Plan has lost money each year, and this year's loss is expected to reach \$11 million. Members using the plan have received other choices, but the premiums may be higher for some members.

Man donates kidney

KS MARYSVILLE — Eric Swin was surfing on the Internet in June when he stumbled across the story of a 10-year-old Jewish boy from Israel who was in desperate need of a kidney transplant.

"I began thinking that I have two good kidneys," the Marysville man said, "and I didn't have to have one of them."

Swin, 38, returned Sunday from Israel with one less kidney and the thanks of many Israelis he met.

"It's a humbling thing when a Holocaust survivor comes up to you and says 'you're a big hero,' or 'gibor' in Hebrew," Swin said Monday during an interview at his home, "when in reality all I did was

donate a kidney. It's very humbling."

The organ recipient, Moshiko Sharon, who had waited for a compatible kidney donor for more than a year, is doing well after undergoing implant surgery Sept. 21 at a Tel Aviv-area hospital.

But before the surgery could happen, Swin had to undergo tests to determine whether he would be a good match. Swin learned the results of the tests Sept. 3 and left three days later for Tel Aviv.

Swin was joined by his wife, Lori, 34, and the couple's two children, Lucy, 10, and Josiah, 6.

"So many bad things are going on these days that it is hard to look at the world and have any hope for children," Lori Swin said. "If you want to have children see a better way, maybe saving one person's life will help us in the bigger scheme of things."

The organ donation was facilitated by the New York-based Halachic Organ Donor Society, which educates Jews about organ donation.

Rider denies ticket time

MN MINNEAPOLIS — A motorcyclist who set jaws dripping across the nation last month when he was stopped for going 205 mph told a reporter for Midwest Quick Throttle Magazine that he was going closer to half that speed.

The interview was apparently the first for media-savvy Samuel Tilley, 20, of Stillwater, Minn., who has not spoken publicly about his record-setting ticket since he was stopped on Sept. 18 south of Minneapolis.

"He's beside himself about the whole thing," magazine editor Pat Andrews said.

Tilley said in the interview that he's not sure exactly how fast he was going because he was watching the road and another rider who was nearby, said Scottie Ard, who wrote the story for Quick Throttle. The other rider was ticketed for going 111 mph.

"He doesn't know how he could have been going 205 miles per hour, especially when the guy he was with was going 111," Andrews said.

A Minnesota State Patrol pilot saw Tilley from the air and used a stopwatch to time him as he passed quarter-mile markers along Hwy. 61. The pilot's reading of 4 seconds translated into Tilley's 205 mph speed.

Foreign students drop

OR EUGENE — Oregon colleges are struggling to attract foreign students because of concerns about terrorism and heightened security requirements. At Lane Community College, the number of foreign students has stayed flat for the past three years, after growing at more than 6 percent per year. International enrollment at the University of Oregon dropped to an estimated 1,170 this year from a peak of almost 1,700 in 1997.

Gay marriage no issue

OH COLUMBUS — Gov. Bob Taft said that while he opposes an amendment banning gay marriage, he won't actively campaign against it because of other campaign responsibilities. The Republican says the proposed amendment is ambiguous, goes too far and could hurt the state's efforts to recruit and retain high-tech workers.

Stories and photos from wire services

Looking to renew faith during Ramadan

100 civilian hopes to encourage more open practice of Islam in military

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Around 4:15 a.m. Monday, Yahya Abdul-Qadair sat down with his family for breakfast. He ate chicken and rice. Then he was done with food and drink for the day — no coffee, no water, nothing until noon. That's the schedule he'll be keeping all month.

Abdul-Qadair is one of, at most, a handful of practicing Muslims on base; services conducted in the base chapel each Friday usually consist of him, he said, and one or two other men.

But Abdul-Qadair writes the weekly religion column included in the base newspaper every Friday — and for last Friday's edition he wrote about Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting. He wrote it for two reasons, he said: to educate readers about the holy month, and to reach out to "undercover" Muslim sailors and civilians he's sure exist on base and the 7th Fleet's ships.

"It's the time of year you sort of re-jump-start your spiritual life," said Abdul-Qadair, a youth sports coordinator for the base Morale, Welfare and Recreation department.

A good friend of mine on the Kitty Hawk told me there were plenty of Muslims on the Kitty Hawk but they never revealed themselves. Another brother — he's from Egypt — he keeps a low profile. Ramadan comes, it's also a way to reach out to sailors who've gone undercover."

The month started Saturday and will conclude about Nov. 16 with Eid ul-Fitr, or Feast of the Fast-breaking, a celebratory banquet, gifts, family visits and prayer. In the meantime, all sane, healthy, adult Muslims are supposed to fast every day of the week before the morning prayer until sunset as a way to purify themselves as they dedicate themselves to faith, charity and goodness and to test their faith.

"You have good days and bad days," Abdul-Qadair said. "The first day is always great. You call everybody — all the Muslims you know. The second day is great. Some days you have bad days — you have to exert yourself physically. For instance, Thursday I do a PE class for home-schoolers. I was shocked how tired I was just running around for an hour."

Petty Officer 2nd Class Umar Hicks, who worships with Abdul-Qadair most Fridays and works for commander Naval Forces Japan, said for him, the first day of fasting is among the hardest. After that, he gets used to it except for one thing: "I miss water," Hicks said.

The rigors of Ramadan vary with the time of year in which it occurs. Winter is easier because the time between sunrise and sunset is shorter. "If it falls in the winter month, you've got it real sweet," Abdul-Qadair said. "When I first became Muslim it was in August and September. Your eyelids will get dry. You get cranky



NANCY MONTGOMERY/Stars and Stripes

Yahya Abdul-Qadair, youth sports coordinator at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, said the Ramadan month of fasting tests Muslims' faith and will. "It's the time of year you sort of re-jump-start your spiritual life," he said.

and irritable. That's part of it — you have to show that self-restraint. If you can't take it and you cussed somebody out, you will have broken the fast and have to make that up.

"One of my first Ramadans I had just bought a new mountain bike," Abdul-Qadair said. "I rode it from the store to my mother's house to my apartment. I almost passed out."

Abdul-Qadair, 35, is from Philadelphia and converted to Islam from Christianity when he was 20. "I was always a religious person. But Christianity just wasn't doing it for me," he said. Before he converted, his first name was John. He declined to say what his former last name was.

What does do it for him in Islam, he said, is its prescriptions for the way to live in all of life's aspects.

"It's a whole way of life. There's no separation between church and state. Everything that encompasses someone's life can be found in the Quran. I find it's the ultimate guidance."

But since the United States was attacked three years ago by Islamist terrorists, and

after the United States went to war first against the Taliban in Afghanistan and then against Iraq, being open Muslim can be an act of courage.

"It's pretty difficult," Abdul-Qadair said.

"The funny thing is ... a lot of people don't know I'm Muslim until they see my wife (who wears a scarf over her hair). Then sometimes attitudes change. There can be intrusive stares. We live off-base and here in our neighborhood, everybody's friendly. And the chaplains are very supportive."

Lt. Cmdr. Philip Pelikan, a Charismatic Episcopal Church chaplain, agreed it was a tricky time to be a Muslim.

"I just counseled a couple that's getting married. The guy is a sailor, an officer on base here, and his fiancée is from Malaysia. She couldn't even get a pass to come on base because she's from Malaysia," Pelikan said.

"It's a predominantly Muslim country and has a Muslim government, and it's difficult to track the terrorist groups (operating there).

"Anybody from Malaysia is on the list. We don't have time to check if you're a ter-

rorist or not. That's the way it is. When you're at war, some things aren't fair," the chaplain said.

Abdul-Qadair said when he arrived a year ago, six or seven Muslims attended Friday prayer services but they since have been assigned elsewhere. "I'm basically friends with two families and that's about it," he said.

Lt. Cmdr. Brook DeWalt, USS Kitty Hawk spokesman, said there were no Muslim religious services requested during the last under-way period but there had been such services the time before that, led by a lay reader.

There is a Muslim imam, or prayer leader, serving in the region: Lt. Muhiyaddin Ibn Noel, of Camp Courtney, Okinawa. Noel, one of three U.S. Navy Muslim chaplains, declined to speak to a reporter without approval from the base public affairs officer when he was reached Monday evening. Public affairs officials did not return phone calls.

According to one estimate, from 4,000 to 10,000 practicing Muslims and about a dozen Muslim chaplains serve in the U.S. armed forces. One of them, a U.S. Army Muslim chaplain, Capt. James Yee, 35, spent 76 days in custody after the military linked him to a possible espionage ring at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Yee was charged with mishandling classified material, failing to obey an order not to make a false official statement, adultery and conduct unbecoming an officer. Eight months later, the charges were dismissed.

Hicks said that in Norfolk, Va., where he served previously, there were at least 100 Muslims and he was surprised there were so few here. Hicks said he's generally been treated well. Commander Naval Forces Japan has accommodated his twice-daily prayers during the workday and prayer services on Fridays, he said. And on the day he was on the gallery opened early just for him during Ramadan so he could get something to eat before his daylong fast.

"People do joke, though. In housing, he said, someone saw his Arabic clock and said, "I'm going to turn you in to Homeland Security."

Hicks was not amused. "I didn't say anything," he said.

The largest denomination on Yokosuka base is Roman Catholicism — some 500 attend Sunday services, in part because of the large Filipino presence on base. Next largest is evangelical Christians — about 200 worshippers each Sunday — followed by mainstream Protestants — about 170, Pelikan said. There are about 20 Jews who attend Sabbath services each Friday, Pelikan said.

Abdul-Qadair said he hopes his article in the base paper will inspire Muslims who haven't been practicing to start doing so. "There are plenty of mosques in Japan," he said. "Hopefully, somebody will call me and want to go to the Eid."

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Church stresses family planning

MANILA, Philippines — The Roman Catholic Church, which is opposed to artificial birth control, hasn't done enough to promote responsible family planning in the fast-growing Philippines, the archbishop of Manila said Monday.

"We have the impression that the church is against family planning. Wrong. The church believes that you could rear the children you can afford to raise," Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales said. "That people do not understand, I'm sorry, the church is at fault. We have not taught enough."

He said the church believes people should plan their families in the natural way and exercise personal discipline to avoid unwanted pregnancies.

Church pension programs

WASHINGTON — The House voted last Friday to amend several securities laws dating back to the 1930s to allow church pension programs to pool their assets with private and government pension plans as a means of increasing retirement savings.

Under the legislation, which now goes to the president for his signature, church pension plans can participate in "collective trusts" where corporate and other secular pension plans join together for investment purposes in stock and non-stock assets.

The House sponsors, Reps. Judy Biggert, R-Ill., and Harold Ford, D-Tenn., said their bill would enable thousands of church plans, set up so clergy and lay church employees can save for retirement, to enjoy the benefits of collective buying power.

Award named for council founder

COLUMBUS, Ind. — The National Council of Churches will memorialize co-founder and former President J. Irwin Miller with an annual award honoring people working on Christian unity and social issues.

Miller, the former chairman of Cummins Engine Co., was an alternate delegate to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to the council's constituting convention in 1950 and the council's first lay president from 1960 to 1963. He was 95 when he died Aug. 16.

"Not only was he a great businessman and philanthropist, but he was a great churchman," said Rev. Shand D. Premachandran, director of the council's interfaith relations commission.

From The Associated Press

Sunday Horoscope

Renowned psychoanalyst Carl Jung famously expressed the belief that the subconscious mind is influenced by the planet Neptune. Today, the planet of dreams goes direct. Though Neptune will be in shadow until early February, the fog that seems to hang between the world we envision and the world that actually is will begin to lift.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(October 24). Your environment greatly affects you. Your actions this year, so make sure to put yourself in situations with people you admire. New friends could net you a prime position and more money to boot, so keep relations strong by taking care of them, remembering birthdays and calling often. Lucky love signs are Aquarius and Capricorn.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

There's a drama in the morning that keeps us all on toes! It's nice to know that people around you care enough to get excited when things don't go their way. Adaptations will be made, and by evening, peace is restored.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

To get romantic fires burning again, spend time with a partner doing something you both have never tried before. Opportunities may go unrecognized until you point them out. Everyone is interested in what you have to offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Whatever your idea is, follow through. This gives you the opportunity to correct and learn from your mistakes. Don't let social norms limit you. You might do something offbeat, like sign up for a reality TV show.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Get on with life! It is better to risk emotionally now than to play it safe in limbo for another month. An uninvolved party is invaluable for working out problems. Someone knows your secret and will never tell.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

New situations bring out your best, but they also make you feel vulnerable.

Joyce Jillson



Congratulate yourself for stretching. You're the kind of brave person who will end up teaching everyone else how to grow up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Is perception reality? The fact that others don't see a problem doesn't mean it isn't there for you, but it does mean that it isn't there for them. Stressful situations can be made unstressful if you ask for more help. Keep a cool head.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Money comes through creative thought. Believe it, and it will come your way. You can take your time to choose, but make a decision by the end of the day. New love is found close to home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

There's big news from soccer in your inner circle. You can celebrate with the best of them, so you'll be one of the first to be included. Loved ones are seeing things your way. Be sure to indulge them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You have no enemies. Try to see people as doing their best with the resources they have. A partner requires your best efforts, so stay present and focused on the numbers tasks the two of you share.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Live and love by your principles. Your integrity doesn't go unnoticed. Powerful friends want your assistance. You may feel obligated, but bestow a favor only if you are genuinely moved to do so.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

A relationship may be more significant to the other person than it is to you right now. A wake-up call will make you realize how others depend on you and how your attitude matters immensely.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

If you're well informed, you'll make lucky reminders now. Keep other people's words with gentle reminders. Tonight is so comfortable. Accept the happiness you find; don't overanalyze it.

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To our readers

For the past decade, this column has been written by Joyce Jillson and Holiday Mathis. Ms. Jillson passed away on Oct. 1. Because Ms. Jillson and Ms. Mathis wrote in advance, columns they prepared will run through Nov. 6. Beginning Nov. 7, the horoscopes will be re-named "Horoscopes by Holiday" and will be authored by Ms. Mathis.

Mystery alive and 'kicking'

Q. Years ago when I was a child we used to sing a dirty ditty that went: "Old man Moses kicked the bucket and old man Moses is dead." What does "kicked the bucket" have to do with death?

A. The saying "kick the bucket" has been seen used in many places usually in darkly humorous and sometimes disrespectful contexts. Several explanations have been advanced for its origin.

At one time, pigs to be slaughtered were hung by their hind legs from a hook in a piece of wood; the word "bucket" might refer to this piece of wood and "kick" to the struggling movements made by the pig. Or the ex-

pression might refer to the act of kicking the bucket out from beneath a person being hanged. Another explanation holds that the "bucket" in the phrase is the container of holy water once customarily placed at the feet of a corpse during the Catholic funeral mass so that mourners could sprinkle it upon the deceased as they passed.

Unfortunately, none of these theories can be substantiated, and the mystery of the origin of "kick the bucket" remains unsolved.

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Dad makes laudable decision in helping his daughter get ahead

Dear Abby: Please settle an argument I'm having with my wife. Our 18-year-old daughter, "Crystal," suffers from ADHD. Last June, my wife insisted that Crystal get a summer job. After weeks of searching, the only job Crystal could find was selling door-to-door.

I was afraid that this door-to-door sales might put my daughter in danger, so I quietly approached the owner of a small business nearby and paid her to give Crystal a job. Crystal did well, and it turned out to be a positive work experience for her first for some time.

My wife just found out what I did, and she is irate. I didn't tell her because she is such a control freak—she complained about piano lessons for Crystal during her senior year because "she was going to college anyway."

When I did so terribly wrong? I think it was a good thing.

—In the Doghouse in Michigan

Dear "In": Although you do not mention the toll that having ADHD has taken on your daughter, I'm sure it has been significant. You weren't wrong to want

to level the playing field for your daughter and ensure her safety. The benefit to both of you is that she now has a summer of work experience behind her—and the conflict that goes along with it—and you had peace of mind.

You behaved like a concerned and loving father, and that is laudable.

Dear Abby

Dear Abby: My husband and I have a problem with the little boy who lives across the street. Any time we pull into our driveway, the youngster will come right over to greet us with 100 questions before we even exit the vehicle.

If we're in our front yard, he will come over and won't leave, even though we tell him we're busy doing yard work. It has reached the point where we look out the window before we go outside. If he comes over, we go inside immediately. We would like to enjoy all the hard work we have put into our yard and enjoy our patio again.

This may sound selfish, but we just want to be left alone.

How can we handle this without hurting the child's feelings and keep peace with our neighbors? It has plagued us for far too long.

—Feeling Betrayed

Dear Betrayed: Your suspicions are well-founded. You do honestly think

your husband rented a car to go to a business meeting at a motel? And why is he corresponding with women who are looking to date? Something is rotten in Denmark, honey.

You have some tough decisions to make. You can choose to ignore the evidence and go blissfully about your life, pretending nothing is going on. Some women actually prefer this route. Or, you can confront him and insist he go with you to marriage counseling. Talk to your doctor or clergyman for a referral.

Dear Annie: I must have

been the luckiest person around in 1950 when I married my husband. My mother-in-law gave this prayer to me.

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—Prisoners in Our Own Home, Norwich, Conn.

Dear Prisoners: You have described a very lonely little life. I am sure if I had other things to do, and friends to play with, he wouldn't be depending on you for human contact. However, since you and your husband are not child-oriented, I advise you to speak to the boy's parents and urge them to get their son into some activities where he can be entertained and interact with his peers. You would be doing the boy a favor.

Dear Abby

Dear Abby: I have known

"Cassie" for more than a year. We both like each other a lot, but she has asked me to "give her a few weeks" because she needs to regain the trust she lost because of her ex. Well, it has been six weeks, and we barely even talk anymore because she's so negative about her and extracurricular activities. What should I do?

—Matthew in Indiana

Dear Matthew: Get busy with YOUR work and extracurricular activities. That way you'll have less time to worry about Cassie, who is negative about her and nowhere near ready for another relationship with anyone.

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Hater bill makes woman believe her husband is having an affair

Dear Annie: I think my husband is having an affair. I suspected this back in February when I logged on to his screen name and found a letter he'd written to some woman online. When I confronted him, he said he didn't know the woman, he simply had responded to one e-mail from a woman looking for men to date. He also claimed it was just an impulse and he never heard back from her. He apologized and said he wanted to work more on our relationship. I agreed and thought everything was going to be OK.

Today, I discovered two transactions on our bank statement from a local hotel. I called the motel, pretending to be my husband's secretary, and the clerk confirmed both dates and even mentioned my husband had ordered a room. I suppose it's possible that my husband had some kind of business meeting at this motel.

Should I hire a private detective to follow my husband around? Should I confront him? I just ignore everything? I feel terrible for having these suspicions, but I no longer fully trust him. This is so hard. We have two teenage children, and I'm a

stay-at-home mom, so my resources are limited. We also are active in our church and community, and my husband is an important executive, so there is a lot at stake here. What do I do now?

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between my son-in-law and me in over 40 years, and my daughter has lived by it with her four married children. I don't know who wrote it, but my mother-in-law read it in the old Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph. I hope you will print it for any woman who is a mother-in-law.

—M.J.R. in Pennsylvania

Dear M.J.R.: You sent this to us quite a while ago, but we were saving it for Mother-In-Law Day, which is today. The advice is worth remembering:

Mother-In-Law's Prayer

Teach me to speak or hold my tongue, when silence is divine.

Help me, I pray, to understand this newfound child of mine.

Keep me from taking bitter sides or adding angry flames. Teach me to leave them both alone, like children at their games.

Teach me to be a friend in need, whose smile they're glad to share. Never too near, yet never too far, this is my humble prayer.

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Annie's Mailbox



YOUR MONEY

Bigger bills roll in with technology

BY CHRISTOPHER STERN

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Satellite radio. Cell phone. High-speed Internet service. Matt Botwin, a Washington consultant, has it all — and the bills that go with his growing bundle of technology.

With each new service, more of Botwin's monthly income is spoken for. A generation ago, mortgages, utilities and newspaper subscriptions made up a short list of payments due each month. Now Americans pay an average of 12 bills a month, including fees for a broad range of services such as television programming, home security-system monitoring and online gaming Web sites. And each individual bill may increase as consumers add incremental improvements such as Internet access to their cell phones and premium channels to their satellite radio service.

Botwin figures that he spends at least \$250 a month on his subscription services. "I'm not happy about it. It's a lot," Botwin said. But he also feels that his digital devices and services are necessities. The Sirius satellite radio is indispensable for his frequent drives to New York and Philadelphia. "It's like any luxury. I didn't think I needed a microwave, but I'm sure glad I have it now."

Economists and academics are growing concerned about Americans' willingness to cede a regular chunk of their monthly paychecks to new conveniences and services, saying it is taking a serious bite out of discretionary spending, a key driver of the nation's economy. They also worry that new services are contributing to a growing divide between consumers who have the means to secure special treatment, such as access to free-rolling highway lanes, while others are stuck in bumper-to-bumper standstills.

This lock-'em-in-and-keep-'em-loyal routine has roots going back 100 years, with King Camp Gillette, who at one point gave away his innovative safety razor, then made his fortune selling the disposable blades. High-tech companies have found a way to raise the stakes. The foundation of their new business model may have been pioneered by the cable industry in the early 1940s when it began offering consumers, for a small monthly fee, access to a better television picture. In its early stages, cable charged less than \$5 a month for a service that was nothing more than retransmission of local TV stations. Now the industry has become a telecommunications and entertainment behemoth that offers hundreds of channels, high-speed Internet access and telephone service, among other things. The monthly cable bill for millions of subscribers now totals well over \$100.

Michael Mazis, chairman of the Department of Marketing at the Kellogg School of Business at American University, said the cable industry followed a classic marketing pattern of getting a foot in the door with a basic service and then methodically increasing the consumer's dependence on the product.

Mazis contends that all the earmarked spending on new conveniences raises concerns for other products competing in the marketplace. "It reduces the amount of disposable income," Mazis said. Ultimately, shopping malls, restaurants, even catalogue merchandisers may find that they are taking a back seat to services that are billed to



A man checks his cell phone as he walks down Avenue of the Americas in New York. New technology, like Internet access on cell phones, comes with the price of increased bills for consumers.

consumers on a regular basis. "I think it is really affecting the purchase of clothing, for example," Mazis said. But larger market and competitive forces make it unlikely that the trend will reverse any time soon.

Wireless phone companies are following cable's lead, initially selling basic service that allows people on the go to communicate.

Now cell phones regularly provide Internet access, and some even allow users to watch TV and play video games. Each service a customer adds gives the company a new revenue stream of a few dollars a month.

Wired phone companies are competing with their own bundle of services. The regional phone giants, including Verizon Communications Inc. and SBC Communications Inc., offer telephone, high-speed Internet service and television channels. The phone companies have no television programming of their own but are able to offer consumers satellite TV service through partnerships with DirecTV and Dish Networks.

Cable, telephone, Internet and other subscription services are also benefiting from changes in the way people pay their bills. Many consumers have fees — for their gym membership, their online professional journal, their newspaper delivery — directly applied to their credit cards, which they in turn pay on a monthly basis. Others take advantage of automatic-debit programs that allow companies to pluck money right from the customer's bank account. After they sign off on the first bill, some consumers may not notice the monthly fee unless they take a close look at their bank statements or credit card bills.

— Washington Post

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But there also is growing concern among some economists that the introduction of expensive new technology services is dividing the nation into digital haves and digital have-nots.

Getting to know Tricare

Susie Besaw, from the book "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband, Jake's, new command. Last week, her friend Maggie hurt her ankle and introduced Susie to Tricare.

When it came time for the May Family Readiness Group meeting, Maggie was eager to go. Thankfully, she also was able to walk without too much effort.

Evelyn started the meeting on time as usual and plowed through our agenda. When we finished with new business, she had an announcement, "Before I introduce this evening's speaker, I wanted to mention that I am looking for a speaker for next month."

"We scheduled a mechanic from the base maintenance complex to talk to us about basic car maintenance. But he agreed before checking with his wife. Apparently, he would have had to cut short a family vacation in order to be here next month."

Everyone chuckled.

Car maintenance, I thought. I helped my dad rebuild an MG sports car from the ground up. I didn't have anything put together for a presentation,

but probably could over the next month. But, was I ready to stand in front of a big group of my fellow spouses? Then, I remembered Maggie giving her excellent presentation and decided to raise my hand.

"I'll do it," I said.

Everyone was quiet. I looked around. They were looking at me as if I had three heads. What was the big deal? I guess I was about to surprise everybody.

"You'll find someone?" Evelyn asked.

"No," I replied. "I'll give the presentation. I rebuilt a sports car with my dad and have played with cars since I was little. It'll be fine."

At that point, it became obvious to everyone I was serious — then many faces turned from amazement to intrigue. I bet they didn't think I could do it. Boy, was I going to have fun showing them.

Evelyn continued, "Thank you, Susie. Now I'm going to announce our guest lecturer. She just arrived and needs to head out as soon as she is done. Our guest speaker, Cmdr. Sara Michel from the base hospital's director of admissions. She is going to talk about the basics of Tricare, the military medical insurance program."

Cmdr. Michel, a tall, thin, attractive woman who exuded confidence walked toward the front of the room and began. "Let me first say that this presentation is a basic overview," she said. "I am a hospital administrator, not a doctor, which means I can't answer any personal medical questions. What I can answer are any Tricare administrative questions you may have."

"As Evelyn said, Tricare is the military's health insurance program. It is a huge program administering hundreds of thousands of active and retired military families each year. Despite its size, it produces some of the best medical care you can find."

"In order to participate in Tricare, you must first be a family member of an active duty or retired service member and be registered in the DEERS program. You can register by calling at 1-800-538-9552. That's Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, by the way."

"After you enroll in Tricare, you are assigned a primary care manager or PCM. Your PCM is normally a military general practitioner located at the closest military hospital or military treatment facility known as an MTF. You can determine which PCM you want at your MTF and request any PCM as long as they're in the system."

Next week Cmdr. Michel talks more about Tricare.

Copies of Ralph Nelson's books — "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse" and "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse: A Guide to the Military Lifestyle" — are available at 500 N. Washington St., P.O. Box 10071, Rockville, MD 20849 or online at www.savvysailor.com. This article is written and the book is sold with the understanding that neither the author nor Stars and Stripes are professional financial advisors. If you need advice, please seek professional help. The author specifically disclaims any liability, loss or risk — personal or otherwise — incurred as a consequence, directly or indirectly, of using or applying any of the information contained in this article or the book. E-mail for feedback is: finance@stripes.com

List of services keeps growing

Yesterday:

Mortgage
Utilities
Home phone
Various credit cards
Parking garage

Today, add:

Home equity line
Long-distance carrier
Cell phone
Satellite TV
Netflix movie subscription
High-speed Internet
E-ZPass

Tomorrow's temptations:

TiVo TV recording service
BlackBerry wireless e-mail service
T-Mobile for wireless connection at Starbucks
Satellite radio
OnStar vehicle monitoring
Home security system monitoring
Gym membership
SimsHost Web site.

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EAGLE 810 Morning (Sun)

7:50 Religious Programming
9:00 Eagle 810 Sunday Brunch (Smooth Jazz)

Afternoon

12:00 American Country Countdown
4:00 A Prairie Home Companion
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6:00 Focus on the Family

6:30 Travel Radio
7:00 Dr. Laura
8:00 Beale Street Caravan
12:00 The Rush Radio
12:00 2-Rock (Alternative)(Mon-Fri)
2:00 Sports Overnight America
6:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation Live (Tue-Fri)
4:00 NPR On the Media (Mon)
6:00 Live on Earth (Mon)

Morning (Mon-Fri)

6:00 Eagle 810 Morning Show (Contemporary Hits)
7:00 The Rush Radio News and Commentary
7:20 Pacific Report
7:24 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story
7:28 Eagle 810 News

7:30 Zama Commander's Corner (Sat 1st Friday)
Yokosuka Commander's Corner (2nd & 4th Friday)

Yokota/USFJ Chief's Corner (3rd Friday)
8:00 Retro Cafe (75s, 80s, 90s)

Afternoon

12:00 Pacific Report
12:00 Paul Harvey News and Commentary
12:21 Air Force Radio News
1:00 Top 40 Music
3:00 Traffic Jam (Current Chart Hits)

4:00 Pacific Report
4:27 AFN Sportspage
4:45 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story

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6:00 From the Bench Live Sports (Wed)
7:00 NPR's Morning Edition Live
Yokosuka Commander's Corner (1st & 3rd Thursday)

8:00 Rush Limbaugh
9:00 The Touch (Mon-Fri)
12:00 2-Rock (Alternative)

2:00 Sports Overnight America
6:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation Live
Morning (Sat)

6:00 NPR's All Things Considered LIVE
8:00 Star Talk
9:00 Kim Komando
9:00 Classic Rock

Afternoon

12:00 Rock
12:00 2-Rock (Weekly Top 40)
2:00 Pacific Report

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6:00 The Rush Saturday Night
7:00 The Touch (Urban)
12:00 2-Rock (Alternative)

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9:00 Parent's Journal

10:00 Chef's Table

11:00 Sports Overnight America

12:00 Adult Rock

4:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)

Eveing

6:00 R&B

10:00 Hot AC

10:00 The Touch (Urban)

3:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)

Morning (Mon-Fri)

6:00 Morning Air Strike

6:30 Paul Harvey News

7:10 Horsepower

7:30 Inside Weekly Radio News

8:00 Rest of the Story

8:35 David Letterman/Leno

9:00 Country Call Up

10:00 Bright AC/Golden Oldies (Fri)

11:00 Urban Assault

Afternoon

1:00 2-Rock/Golden Oldies (Fri)

2:00 The Afterburner

2:30 Inside Weekly Radio News

2:54 Rest of the Story

3:18 Pacific Report

3:30 Paul Harvey News

4:00 AFN Sportspage

4:00 Departure Time

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6:00 NPR: Fresh Air

7:00 The Rush Show (Mon-Fri)

8:00 The Touch (Urban)

10:00 The Rush Rock

3:00 Country

Morning (Sat)

6:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)

9:00 Soundbarr

Afternoon

2:00 Rick Dees' Weekly Top 40

6:00 NPR: All Things Considered

7:00 The Jim Rome Show

8:00 The Touch

12:00 2-Rock

5:00 Hot Jazz

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Morning (Sun)

12:00 2-Rock

2:00 Classic Rock

4:00 Hot AC

8:00 Sam Donaldson

7:00 Religious

9:00 Classic Rock

10:00 Hot AC

Afternoon

12:00 2-Rock

4:00 AC Country

4:00 Adult Rock

6:00 Prairie Home

8:00 Hot AC

Morning (Mon-Thu)

7:00 The World

8:00 Marketplace

8:30 Says You (Tue)

9:00 Says You (Wed)

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Morning (Fri)

12:00 2-Rock

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4:00 Sports Overnight America

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7:00 Flashback

11:00 Hot AC

Afternoon

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3:00 That Country Show

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Morning (Sat)

12:00 2-Rock

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9:00 Talk Radio

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12:00 Classic Rock

Morning (Saturday)

12:00 Top 40

4:00 Classic Rock

7:00 All Things Considered

8:30 Rest of Our Knowledge

9:00 Oldies

10:00 Car Talk

11:00 Top 40 Show (Live)

Afternoon

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Kadena - 90 Honda Civic - White, runs smooth, re-built AC, 10 CD Changer Stereo, 1 year JCI, Polymer coat just added, low miles. No major dings or problems, good value and clean. Non-smoker. \$1,300 OBO Call 633-0910

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sl-80. SR20det, 5-speed, JCI
until November 2005. Too many
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Autos for Sale	
• Okinawa	152

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Auto Parts	180
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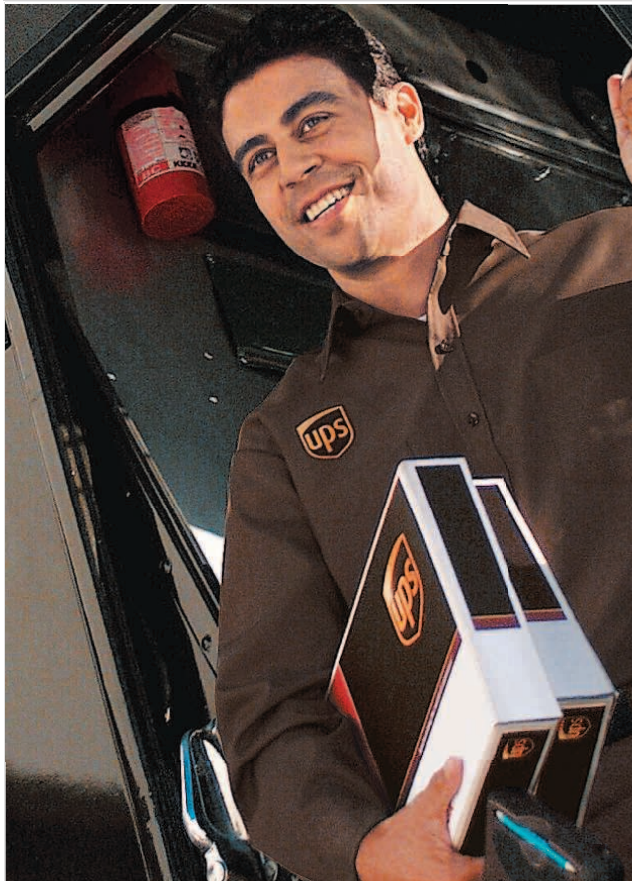
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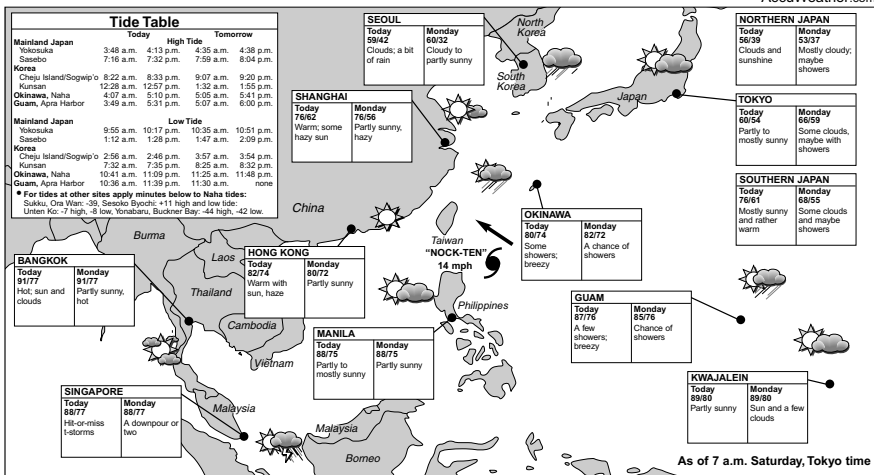
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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 78.
 Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high 85, low 45.
 Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high 84, low 45.

KADENA

Tuesday: Rain, high 78, low 68.
 Wednesday: Rain, high 76, low 68.

SEOUL

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, high 50, low 30.
 Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high 56, low 39.

MANILA

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 75.
 Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 75.

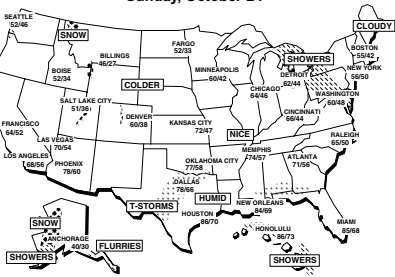
HAGATNA

Tuesday: Showers, high 87, low 78.
 Wednesday: Showers, high 87, low 76.

Friday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	60/38	Los Angeles	69/54
Amarillo	73/45	Little Rock	83/66
Anchorage	38/31	Louisville	75/59
Asheville	65/48	Miami	85/72
Baltimore	57/40	Milwaukee	58/55
Birmingham	80/60	Nashville	75/62
Bismarck	47/37	New York	57/47
Boise	55/42	Omaha	70/51
Boston	53/42	Orlando	82/64
Brownsville	92/75	Philadelphia	59/44
Buffalo	51/44	Phoenix	75/54
Chicago	54/33	Pittsburgh	62/45
Charleston, SC	74/53	Portland, OR	57/46
Charlotte	65/56	Portland, ME	55/36
Cleveland	60/48	Salt Lake City	52/39
Columbus, OH	66/50	St. Louis	72/64
Duluth	55/50	San Antonio	90/71
El Paso	71/49	San Diego	70/56
Hartford	53/37	San Juan	88/76
Helena	52/35	Tampa	85/66
Indianapolis	68/55	Tulsa	82/59
Jacksonville	78/58	Washington	57/46
Kansas City	78/58	Wichita	79/52

Sunday, October 24



U.S. Extended Forecast

A cold front will bring showers to New York and the mid-Atlantic region Sunday. Widely-separated showers and thunderstorms will develop along the tail end of the front in the Southeast. However, South Florida will remain dry under sunny to partly cloudy skies. In the front's wake, breezy conditions will affect the Upper Midwest. Another cold front will cause rain and snow showers to form over the Dakotas and eastern Montana with a shower possible over Nebraska and into the Texas Panhandle. Flurries will occur across the higher elevations of the Rocky Mountains, while a cold front will trigger showers in the extreme Northwest. Plenty of sun will shine in the Southwest.

Sunday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	91/77	Kaduna	80/74
Beijing	66/40	Kunshan AB	63/50
Camp Casey	59/41	Kwajalein	89/50
Christchurch	59/40	Manila	84/75
Diego Garcia	84/75	Masawa AB	59/37
Hagatna	87/76	Osan	61/43
Hanoi	85/72	Perth	75/50
Hong Kong	82/74	Pusan	67/55
Honolulu	86/73		

Sunday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	90/79	Budapest	69/55	Kabul	71/29
Athens	75/61	Buenos Aires	68/54	Kiev	61/50
Auckland	66/56	Cairo	91/64	New Delhi	89/60
Baghdad	90/60	Cancun	84/72	Oslo	47/34
Barbados	92/74	Cape Town	71/58	Paris	56/44
Barcelona	76/65	Geneva	62/57	Rio de Janeiro	79/68
Berlin	64/52	Istanbul	71/58	Rome	75/59
Bermuda	78/72	Jerusalem	85/59	St. Petersburg	49/37
Brussels	57/45	Johnsburg	72/56	Stockholm	48/39
				Warsaw	62/50



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AFN-Sports, 1 a.m. College football: Florida at Mississippi State.

AFN-Atlantic, 4:30 a.m. College football: Alabama at Tennessee.

AFN-Pacific/Korea, 4:30 a.m. College football: Florida State at Wake Forest.

AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m. College football: Oklahoma State at Missouri.

AFN-Sports, 4:30 a.m. College football: ESPN College Football Series.

AFN-Pacific/Korea, 4:30 a.m. College football: ESPN College Football Series.

AFN-Sports, 4 a.m. Auto racing: NASCAR Busch Grand National Sprint's Town He Dared To Rock 250 (television). J. J. Childers's the winner.

AFN-Pacific/Korea, 4 a.m. College football: Boston College at Boston College (1 dtd).

AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m. College football: Oklahoma State at Missouri.

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Monday's game

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Detroit at Atlanta

Arizona at Buffalo

Cincinnati at Tennessee

Green Bay at Washington

Indianapolis at Kansas City

Baltimore at Philadelphia

N.Y. Giants at Minnesota

Carolina at Seattle

Atlanta at Denver

Oakland at San Diego

New England at Pittsburgh

Open Tampa at Kansas City

San Francisco at St. Louis, New Orleans, Miami at N.Y. Jets

Monday, Nov. 1

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Marshall leads W. Virginia to top of Big East

QB breaks McNabb's rushing mark

BY JOHN RABY

The Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Syracuse found out the hard way how difficult it is to harness West Virginia's Rasheed Marshall.

When Marshall wasn't improvising for first downs with his legs, he was finding his receivers in the end zone. And now No. 15 West Virginia has sole possession of first place in the Big East.

"He's a running back who can throw the ball. He's elusive, a good arm, and he's able to find his guys open despite some scrambling," Syracuse safety Diamond Ferris said.

Marshall threw for three scores and ran for 87 yards to break Donovan McNabb's conference career rushing record for quarterbacks in the Mountaineers' 27-6 victory Thursday night.

Marshall has 1,605 career rushing yards, breaking McNabb's mark of 1,561. In 2002, Marshall set the season mark of 666 formerly held by Michael Vick at Virginia Tech.

Asked if he should be considered as good a college quarterback as the pair, Marshall said, "Yeah. Heck yeah. If you ask me, I definitely do."

"Being mentioned in the same sentence as Vick or McNabb, those guys you see on Sundays making plays. Just to be in the same category and surpassing them is great."

It turns out Marshall was prophetic. He told a teammate at the start of the season he thought he would break the record against McNabb's former team.

"It makes it that much better. There is an extra sweetness to it," Marshall said.

Marshall set the record on a 24-yard TD run that was called back when receiver Chris Henry was flagged for holding. Marshall was credited with nine yards on the spot foul.

Henry made up for the gaffe on the next play, hauling in a 25-yard scoring pass for a 17-0 halftime lead.

Earlier, Henry scored from 27



West Virginia's Rasheed Marshall (2) set a Big East career rushing mark for quarterbacks and threw three TD passes on Thursday night.

yards out. It marked the second straight year he had two TD catches against Syracuse.

West Virginia (-6.1, 2-0) amassed 279 yards on the ground against the league's worst de-

fense, led by Jason Colson's 113 yards.

The Mountaineers held Syracuse (3-4, 1-1) to 66 yards rushing and stopped four Orange drives inside the 20-yard-line without

points, including twice in the fourth quarter.

West Virginia, which entered the game with touchdowns on 18 of its 20 drives inside the opponents' 20, had its own troubles deep in Syracuse territory.

Three drives ended inside the Syracuse 10, resulting in two field goals by Brad Cooper. Another attempt by Cooper was partially blocked.

"When we put it all together, I will be happy," Marshall said. "We still have mental mistakes — blocking the wrong guy, throwing it to the wrong person, that type of thing."

Walter Reyes, Syracuse's leading rusher, was ill and missed his first game since last freshman season, a streak of 42 contests. Reyes wore a jacket and a towel over his head on the sidelines.

"He was in bed all day with an antibiotic. There was no way he could play because he was sick as a dog," Syracuse coach Paul Pasquonelli said.

Reyes' replacement, Damien Rhodes, was limited to 67 yards on 20 carries, including a 2-yard TD run midway through the third quarter.

Tiny track poses big challenge for Nextel drivers

BY HANK KURZ JR.

The Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Midway through their 10-lap race play-off, the Nextel Cup contenders are at the shortest and slowest oval on the NASCAR circuit — a place four-time series champion Jeff Gordon insists can be as damaging to title hopes as the fastest tracks.

The nearly half-half-mile Martinsville Speedway reminds no one of high-banked and ultra-fast tracks, but presents its own set of problems.

"At Talladega, everybody talks about avoiding the big one," said Gordon, third in the competition among the top 10 racers. "There, it's one big wreck that collects 17 cars. At Martinsville, it's 17 little wrecks that collect several cars."

Gordon has firsthand knowledge of the problems a driver might encounter at Martinsville,

where he's won three consecutive poles and has five career victories.

It could also have been three straight victories, but Gordon was unlucky in Martinsville's spring race. Running second to Dale Earnhardt Jr., Gordon's Chevrolet was damaged by a chunk of concrete that broke loose from the track, and he finished sixth.

Even worse for Gordon, now 74 points behind series leader Kurt Busch and 50 back of Earnhardt, was management's decision to re-surface the race last year.

"The new racing surface is smooth with a lot of grip," he said. "But I wish they had waited to make the changes. I thought we had a big edge on the competition."

Many drivers welcomed the re-surfacing, even though some have wondered whether a faster

surface will make for a one-groove track with passing virtually nonexistent.

"I'm somewhat fearful of that," said Tony Stewart, sixth in the standings. "But no one will truly know until we all get there and start running on it."

Two years ago, Busch surprised even himself by winning on the 526-mile oval. In that race, a quick pit stop with 91 laps to go gave him the lead, and taught him that timing — and luck — are keys to succeeding on the narrow track with extremely tight turns.

"It's going to have the intensity like it always does, but yet the top-10 guys are going to feel that pressure of when to pit and what decisions to make," he said.

Unlike larger tracks, where the leaders frequently pit almost in unison, Martinsville's slower speed encourages some to stay out longer to get track position vital to success as the race winds

down and the best cars lead the way.

The conditions also put a premium on team performance.

"It's one of those tracks where you can be pretty good and have a bad pit stop and it costs you a lot of track position," said Earnhardt, a top-five finisher in each of the last five races here without winning. "It's hard to get it back, especially with the new surface."

Complicating that effort, said Greg Zipadelli, crew chief for Stewart, is trying to battle back against 42 other cars all trying to win.

"Martinsville is the type of place where if something can happen, then it will happen to somebody, somehow," Zipadelli said. "Plus, tempers and things tend to get stirred up there and it's really easy to get caught up in someone else's mess."

"Hopefully we'll stay fast and just get through it all to get us a good finish."

NASCAR Nextel Cup Subway 500 lineup

After 10 laps, qualify for Sunday at Martinsville Speedway

Line length: 526 miles

- (1) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 97.042 mph.
- (2) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 96.234.
- (3) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 96.205.
- (4) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 96.107.
- (5) Travis Kvieci, Dodge, 96.063.
- (6) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 96.063.
- (7) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 96.033.
- (8) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 95.998.
- (9) Jeff Green, Dodge, 96.740.
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- (14) Jeff Green, Dodge, 96.740.
- (15) Jeff Green, Dodge, 96.740.
- (16) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 95.500.
- (17) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 95.500.
- (18) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 95.218.
- (19) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 95.218.
- (20) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 95.218.
- (21) Greg Biffle, Ford, 95.086.
- (22) Greg Biffle, Ford, 95.086.
- (23) Greg Biffle, Ford, 95.086.
- (24) Mark Martin, Ford, 94.798.
- (25) Mark Martin, Ford, 94.798.
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- (41) Jimmy Spencer, Chevrolet, 93.975.
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Surprising success with familiar formula

Giants, Lions winning turnover battle, preventing big plays on special teams

By TOM CANAVAN
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — While the Detroit Lions and New York Giants have been two of the biggest surprises in the NFL this season, the reason for their success isn't startling.

Taking the ball away on defense, holding it on offense and preventing big plays on special teams usually translates into winning records.

Unlike a year ago when they combined for nine wins and fell out of playoff contention early, the Lions (3-2) and Giants (4-1) will have a lot at stake Sunday when they meet at Giants Stadium.

The Giants are riding a four-game winning streak that includes road victories over Green Bay and Dallas in the past two games. The run under new coach Tom Coughlin matches their victory total in 2003.

"People on the street treat you a lot better than they did when we were 4-12, trust me," Giants defensive end Michael Strahan said. "Our thing is to go out there and give them something that they can cheer for, and hopefully, that is a 5-1 record."

New York has struggled in games after its off week. It has lost three straight, six of seven and 12 of 15 since the week off was instituted in 1990.

"It's a home game and we have to win our home games," said Giants halfback Tiki Barber, whose 577 yards rushing is second in the NFL. "That's what our focus is. It's the oldest axiom in sports. We are preparing for the long run."

The Lions, who were 5-11 a year ago, also have something to prove after a 38-10 home loss to Green Bay last week.

Not only didn't Detroit play well, but coach Steve Mariucci



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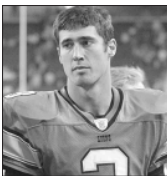
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said the team did not react well to adversity.

"You're going to have up and down weeks," Detroit quarterback Joey Harrington said. "The teams that are alive in January are the ones that can manage the ups and downs of a season."

The key for both teams this season has been defense, particularly the ability to generate takeaways.

The Giants have taken the ball away from opponents 15 times. The Lions have 12. Both are among the league leaders in turnover differential.



Detroit's Joey Harrington has eight touchdown passes and three interceptions this season. Last year, he had 17 touchdown passes and 22 interceptions.



With 577 yards, Giants running back Tiki Barber ranks second in the NFC in rushing. He is averaging 163.4 total yards per game.

Neither offense has been explosive, but both have been great at maintaining possession. Each has just four giveaways.

Coughlin is concerned about the Lions' special teams. Eddie Drummond is third in the league in kickoff returns with a 29.0-yard average. The Lions also have stopped opponents inside the 20-yard line on eight of 21 kickoff returns.

Detroit, which went three years without a road victory, has won two in a row away from home.

"I love going back to New York and playing, especially against a good team," Mariucci said. "You've got to be able to be good on the road and even better at home. So we go through this we're learning how to do this. This is going to be a very physical game."

"You watch that team play and they're very strong and physical and veteran-like," Mariucci added. "Kind of like the Giants"

playoff team from recent years. They kind of went into a tailspin last year, but prior to that they were a playoff team."

If there is a difference between the teams, the Lions have a greater mixture of youth and veterans. Coughlin still has many members of the nucleus that took New York to a Super Bowl appearance in the 2000 season.

"We're trying to do things with long term in mind and to build a solid foundation of youngsters that can be with us for a long time and that's our plan and we're sticking to it right now," Mariucci said. "We do have a long ways to go, but I like the direction that we're heading and I like the energy that this team has."

The Giants and Lions have not played a regular-season game since 2000, when Detroit won 31-21. Detroit also beat the New York Jets in the Meadowlands that season. The Lions have won their past four games at Giants Stadium, also sweeping both New York teams in 1994.

Zama gets first victory of season

Stars and stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Behind the power running of full-back Chris Johnson and several long gains by Donovan Nance, Zama American won its first game of the season Friday in the Japan Football League, beating Robert D. Edgren 38-7 and handing the struggling Eagles their third straight loss.

Johnson ran for two touchdowns, Nance added two and Stephen Moore capped the contest with an 80-yard scoring run.

"The kids finally put together four quarters of football," Zama American offensive coordinator Ray Osman said. "It took eight weeks to get everybody on the same page — offense, defense, special teams. In our huddle after the game, the kids realized this is what they should have been doing all season."

Zama led 30-0 before the Eagles broke the shutout with four minutes left on Terry Ashton's 18-yard touchdown pass to Charles Whitely.

The Trojans averaged a 14-12 loss to Edgren on Sept. 18.

Japan Football League

	W	L	Pct	PP	PA
Yokota	5	0	1.000	174	21
Nile C. Kinnick	3	1	.750	58	33
Robert D. Edgren	1	4	.200	48	175
Zama American	0	5	.000	64	155

Friday's game

Zama American 38, Robert D. Edgren 7

Saturday's game

Nile C. Kinnick at American School in Japan 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 29

American School in Japan at Zama American 7 a.m.

Okina Activities Council

	W	L	Pct	PP	PA
x-Kadena Islanders	6	0	1.000	153	62
Kadena Buccaneers	3	3	.500	100	115
Kubasaki Samurai	3	3	.500	109	116
Kubasaki Shogun	0	6	.000	60	129

Friday's games

Kadena Islanders 17, Kubasaki Samurai 14
Kadena Buccaneers 26, Kubasaki Shogun 13

END REGULAR SEASON

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Friday, Oct. 29
Semifinals
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Kadena Islanders vs. Kubasaki Samurai, 5 p.m.
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Cards cost Clemens a trip to Fenway Park

All of New England would have been quaking with anticipation. Just imagine: Roger Clemens back at Fenway, wearing the enemy's colors for a fourth time in the postseason, a short time in Game 7 of the World Series.

Jim Litke



ballpark.

Now, instead of a rematch with Clemens wearing the brick-red jersey of the Astros, it's just another of those tantalizing baseball "what-might-have-beens."

Don't try telling this to the fans in Boston and St. Louis, but a little electricity and even more glamour drained out of the World Series early Thursday night. That's when Scott Rolen lined a back-breaking, two-run homer off Clemens just beyond the wall in left in the sixth inning to lift the Cardinals to an eventual 5-2 win

"Even with everything I've done in my career, this was special."

Roger Clemens
Houston Astros pitcher

in Game 7 of the National League Championship Series.

"When I have a chance to look back tomorrow and throughout the week a little bit, I'll be extremely happy I didn't break down this year because I couldn't afford to do that with the other injuries we had," Clemens said. "I couldn't have an off night. You grind and hope it's good enough. 'I really felt good about our chances tonight,' he said. 'It just didn't work out.'"

That the Astros got this far, farther than they had in the 42-year history of the franchise, seemed like small consolation on this night. They were 12 games behind St. Louis in the NL Central when Phil Garner took over as manager for Jimmy Williams and 19½ back when they began the improbable run that carried them to the wild card and past Atlanta in the division series.

Clemens was 10-1 from the midway point of the season, including two victories in the playoffs, and each outing became more important once fellow starters Wade Miller and Andy Pettitte were injured and had to shut down for the season. The wear and tear on Clemens' arm and nerves, at age

42, was considerable, but he never let it show. Instead, he took the ball every time Garner offered it, determined to see the string play out.

When it did, finally, the memories that came flooding back weren't about the performances on the mound that could earn Clemens an unprecedented seventh Cy Young award. Instead, they were about the quirky moments that validated his decision to unretire and pitch once more in his hometown just a few weeks after telling New York Yankees boss George Steinbrenner that he was through.

Whether he'll do the same to Astros owner Drayton McLane is anybody's guess.

"I'll leave that for later," Clemens said.

What he chose to remember at the moment was the fans in Houston turning up outside his house at all hours of the night and day, pleading with him to return after the Astros signed Pettitte. He remembered the brief bus rides to different ballparks as the Astros heated up in the playoff chase, filled with bravado and laughs. He remembered his sons getting a chance to see him pitch at home

and how, on more than a few nights, he drove home wearing "a funny smile on my face."

"Even with everything I've done in my career," he said, "this was special."

Unfortunately, it's also over.

Pettitte, who pitched alongside Clemens in New York and helped convince him to come back, promised to "try my darnedest" into talking the old man to come back.

"The funny thing," he added, "is that my biggest worry was that Roger would get hurt and the whole thing would end badly. Instead, he has a Cy Young season and I'm the one who ends up going down."

For most of the night, against one of the most potent lineups in the game, Clemens looked like his untouchable self. No one in the Cards' batting order could get around on his splitter or his fast-ball — he was clocked between 85 mph and 94 mph throughout — and he felt strong. Then came the sixth inning.

"The night was cool, he looked strong and his velocity was still right there. It was a dangerous part of the lineup, some of the best hitters there are against one of the best pitchers of all time,"

Astros pitching coach Jim Hickey recalled. "We had as much confidence in Roger as anybody else we could have turned to."

"How could you not?" Hickey said. "It just turned out that two of them wound up getting the best of him."

That would be Albert Pujols, who pulled a low fastball into left for a double, and Rolen, who followed that by ripping a shot into the corner. Both figure to be show-case performers when St. Louis, baseball's winningest team this season, rolls into Fenway to start the World Series on Saturday night.

The Cards are as professional an outfit as there is in the game, solid and patient and efficient, but hardly spectacular. The Red Sox will counter with plenty of hitting, a little better pitching from starters to closer, and plenty more personality.

But the most entertaining pitcher in the game, the guy who came back and defied age and the odds of carrying an undermanned Astros team even this far, won't be along for the ride.

"I'm sure I'll watch bits and pieces of it," Clemens said.

Without the lure of the Rocket back at Fenway for a Game 7, it will be interesting to see how much of the nation does the same.

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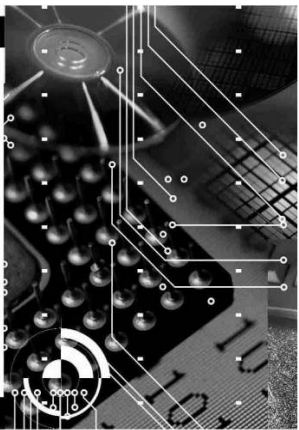


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Yankees preparing for offseason overhaul

Cashman back as GM, charged with signing big talent

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brian Cashman's job is safe — at least for now.

The rest of the New York Yankees have plenty to worry about this winter.

Soon after the Yankees' historic collapse against Boston in the AL playoffs, volatile owner George Steinbrenner told Cashman, the team's general manager, that he won't be fired before next season.

Steinbrenner also informed Cashman he should prepare to be summoned to Tampa, Fla., for meetings in the next few days: The star-studded Yankees need to figure out where they fell apart against the Red Sox after opening a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven ALCS.

"He wants results for his investment, like any businessman," Cashman said Thursday.

Cashman has one year remaining on his contract. It's his job to spend Steinbrenner's money wisely and bring championships to the Big Apple, but the Yankees have gone four years without winning the World Series.

He knows what he needs to look for in the offseason.

"I'll be pitching," Cashman said. "I don't think offense is a problem on this club."



The Yankees are reportedly interested in Houston Astros center fielder Carlos Beltran, who can become a free agent after the World Series ends.

Despite a \$183 million Opening Day payroll, the Yankees were short on starting pitching all season. When they wanted to add Randy Johnson during the summer, they didn't have enough major league-ready prospects to interest Arizona in a trade.

Injuries to the aging rotation forced manager Joe Torre to overwork his bullpen, leaving the team vulnerable in the playoffs — even with a seemingly insurmountable lead.

The Red Sox rallied against closer Mari-

ano Rivera in Game 4, then setup man Tom Gordon in Game 5. Those two games totaled 26 innings in two days, taxing New York's relievers.

Because of a rainout earlier in the series, 39-year-old Kevin Brown wound up starting Game 7 despite a balky back and only three days' rest.

He was hammered, as was right-hander Javier Vazquez, who followed Brown and walked five batters in two innings in Boston's 10-3 blowout.

"Those are the areas we're going to look at, the bullpen and the rotation," Cashman said. "I thought this past winter was more difficult. We had a great amount of holes to fill. This winter, we don't have three guys coming out of the rotation, but we do have pitching needs, nonetheless."

New York became the first team to blow a 3-0 lead in a best-of-seven series. The rival Red Sox celebrated right in the middle of Yankee Stadium, a most humiliating moment for such a storied franchise.

"DAMNED YANKEES," proclaimed the New York Post over a shot of shortstop Derek Jeter hanging his head.

"THE CHOKE'N ON US," offered the Daily News, which featured a doctored picture inside of Babe Ruth with a tear rolling down his cheek.

Still, Steinbrenner was classy in defeat Thursday.

"I congratulate the Boston Red Sox on their great victory," he said in a statement. "I want to thank our loyal fans for their enormous support. Of course, I am disappointed because I wanted a championship for them and for our city. You can be assured, we will get to work and produce a great team next year."

The offense was not without fault, though some of the team's best hitters did get off to a great start. After a 19-8 victory at Fenway Park in Game 3, New York failed to come through in the clutch time and time again. Gary Sheffield was 1-for-17 in the final four games, Alex Rodriguez 2-for-17.

"When a guy is hitting .640 for the first few games of a series, he's probably not going to hit .640 for the whole series. This is a little League," said batting coach Don Mattingly, who said he would like to return next season if his organization were there.

"Those are the games I look back on, that we left some guys out there. We got a little bit out of our game plan," he said.

Help is probably on the way. The Yankees are said to be extremely interested in Carlos Beltran, the multitalented center fielder who had a huge postseason with the Houston Astros.

Beltran can become a free agent after the World Series, and the Yankees are probably one of the few teams that can afford him. If he winds up in New York, Bernie Williams could become a full-time designated hitter.

The Yankees also expect slugger Jason Giambi to be completely healthy by spring training.

The free-agent market for starting pitchers includes Pedro Martinez, but it's hard to imagine him going from the Red Sox to the Yankees. There's too much ugly history there. Derek Lowe could also be available; he was the winner in Game 7 on Wednesday night.

Other interesting names include Florida's Carl Pavano, Atlanta's Russ Ortiz, St. Louis' Matt Morris, and the Chicago Cubs' Matt Clement.

City drops plan to ban alcohol around Fenway during World Series

BY MARTIN FINUCANE
The Associated Press

BOSTON — The mayor backed off his threat of banning alcohol from around Fenway Park during the upcoming World Series but more police will be inside neighborhood bars to be sure fans don't get too drunk or rowdy.

After meeting for an hour Friday with more than 25 bar and restaurant owners, Mayor Thomas Menino backed down from a threat to involve a rarely used state law to ban liquor "in cases of riot or great public excitement."

He had considered the ban after thousands of raucous fans took to the streets after the hometown Red Sox won the American League championship by beating the New York Yankees in the final game Wednesday night.

Victoria Snelgrove, 21, a student at Emerson College, died after being hit in the eye by police firing pepper spray into the crowd, and more than a dozen others were injured.

Bar owners agreed to a series of restrictions, including not allowing patrons to line

up outside to wait to get in, not allowing bars to become overcrowded or patrons to drink too much, and not allowing television crews to shoot scenes inside bars. Authorities were worried that television coverage of bar patrons encourages people to act out as they play to the cameras.

In addition, police will step up their presence inside bars near the ballpark and around the tourist hot spots of Faneuil Hall and the city's waterfront to enforce the agreed-upon restriction.

The bar owners, who agreed to the restriction, are "part of what we're trying to

do to make sure the world sees Boston in a positive manner," Menino said.

Bar and restaurant owners had expressed outrage when Menino first floated the idea of banning alcohol sales around Fenway Park, where the Red Sox will go up against the St. Louis Cardinals in a best-of-seven World Series that begins Saturday.

After the meeting with the mayor, Patrick Lyons, who owns several nightclubs on Lansdowne Street across from the ballpark, said, "We're intent on having a good safe environment within the licensed premises."

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Francona gives ball to Wakefield in Game 1

Knuckleballer gets call as Boston's bullpen recovers from lengthy ALCS

By HOWARD ULMAN
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Tim Wakefield is finally going to get a chance to start a playoff game — and it's a big one by Derek Lowe.

When Boston returns to the World Series on Saturday for the first time since 1986, Wakefield will be on the mound at Fenway Park. It will be his first start of this year's playoffs, though he made three relief appearances.

He was also ready to relieve in the pennant-clincher against New York on Wednesday night, but he wasn't needed in a 10-3 victory that completed Boston's unprecedented rally from a 3-0 deficit.

"Once we stayed away from Wake, he was Game 1 starter," Boston manager Terry Francona said Thursday. "I think pitching-staff wise, we'll go from being on fumes to being OK. Because, a couple days off these guys will be huge."

Curt Schilling will start Game 2 at Fenway Park, meaning he won't have to bat and risk damage to his injured ankle. Pedro Martinez will start Game 3, giving him two extra days of rest, followed by Derek Lowe.

Lowe had been bounced from the rotation at the start of the playoffs before resurrectoring his status with six innings of one-hit ball against New York in the seventh game of the AL championship series. Bronson Arroyo, the Game 3 starter in the ALCS, will be in the bullpen.

Wakefield, who gave up Aaron Boone's homer to end the 2003 ALCS, pitched the last three innings of Game 5 against the Yankees this year and got the win in Boston's 5-4 victory in 14 innings. Francona also said that designated hitter David Ortiz probably would play first base in St. Louis, where the DH won't be used.

"We don't want that bat out of the lineup," Francona said. "It's a



Boston's Tim Wakefield gave up seven runs and nine hits in 7 1/3 innings in the ALCS, but worked three scoreless innings in Game 5.

shame ... because that's not our team. Our team is having David Ortiz DH and having (Kevin) Millar play first and have (Doug) Mientkiewicz come in for defense, and that's not going to be our team. We'll do the best we can."

With two days between the end of the ALCS and the World Series,

Francona's overworked pitchers have time to rest. They played 12 innings in Game 4, 14 in Game 5 and then two nine-inning games, without a day off.

Wakefield showed up on Feb. 27 on Thursday and threw to Doug Mirabello, who will catch him in the opener. Closer Keith Foulke also loosened up his arm about having pitched in the fourth, fifth and sixth games. He was not used in Game 7.

Lowe allowed one hit in six innings on just two days' rest Wednesday night but left after throwing 69 pitches in six innings.

Martinez came in and allowed two runs in the seventh before Mike Timlin pitched the eighth and he and Alan Embree worked the ninth.

Why not another inning with Lowe, who had pitched so well?

"Derek Lowe had no more innings," Francona said. "The last thing he said to me when he went out [to the mound] in the sixth was, 'Don't leave me out there to die.'"

The plan was for Lowe to pitch to three hitters then be replaced

by lefty Mike Myers if the fourth hitter, lefty Hideki Matsui, came up. But Lowe retired the side in order and Martinez, rested after starting Monday night, took over in the seventh.

"There weren't exactly an abundance of fresh arms down there," Francona said of his decision to use Martinez. "I was excited about bringing him in that game and I know he gave up some hits and some runs but he actually threw the ball very well."

Francona said he got a note from Yankees owner George Steinbrenner before Game 7, and a call from New York manager Joe Torre afterward to congratulate him. In between, Francona delighted in destroying their championship hopes.

The enormity of beating the Yankees hadn't sunk in yet for Francona.

"We haven't accomplished what we set out to accomplish yet," he said. "I'm glad we're playing still, which a few days ago would have been an uphill battle. But it's just not time to have the final celebration. We're excited to be doing what we're doing, but we're not done."

Lewis leads Funai with a career-low 62

By DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — J.L. Lewis matched his lowest score on the PGA Tour and was kicking himself for two short birdie putts that got away.

"I should have shot lower today," Lewis said after a 10-under 62 Thursday.

Vijay Singh extended his streak of 21 rounds under par at Disney — 17 of those in the 60s — and quickly retreated to the practice range to pump balls under the steamy sun.

"It was a fighting round today," the Fijian said of his bogey-free 66.

The Funai Classic at Disney always brings out low scores and high expectations.

Lewis eventually realized his round was about as good as it gets, and it gave him a two-shot lead. He putted for birdie on every hole and made 11 on the Magnolia course, his only setback coming on a three-putt from the fringe on No. 15, the only green he missed in regulation.

"I played well and I putted fairly well until I missed a couple there," Lewis said with slight resignation in his voice. "But I made more of them, so I'm pretty happy with it."

Two-time Disney champion John Huston, John Deere Classic winner Mark Hensby and Scott Hend shot 64, while two-time Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal was among those at 65.

Hensby had such an easy round that he couldn't remember where he made his birdies.

The scores were so low on the Magnolia and Palm courses that 86 players shot in the 60s and only 17 players in the 44-man field were over par. It helped that the sun was out, the breeze was mild and the turf was soft.

Lewis made his round sound just that simple.

"Nobody can explain golf, so I'm not going to try," he said. "I'm just trying to hit each shot the best I can and get myself in a situation where hopefully, I'll have a chance to do something good on Sunday. That's all you can do."

Lewis birdied his first four holes to put his name atop the



J.L. Lewis' score on Thursday matched his lowest on the PGA Tour, last accomplished in the final round of last year's 84 Lumber Classic, which he won.

leader board. He birdied five of the first six holes on his back nine to separate himself from the other early starters.

It was his lowest first-round score on the PGA Tour. Lewis also had a 62 in the final round last year when he won the 84 Lumber Classic.

Eight others joined Singh in the group at 66, from former British Open champion Ben Curtis to the putting is just something that I've been struggling with."

the qualifying number entering the final round. Her 8-over 80 was better than four players in the third round and she matched the score of seven others.

"I felt like today I had so many birdies that I left out there," she said. "I played really well. But the putting is just something that I've been struggling with."

Nuggets' Anthony cited for marijuana possession

The Associated Press

DENVER — Carmelo Anthony was cited for marijuana possession while boarding the team plane last week, though the Denver Nuggets star says the bag of drugs was left in his backpack by a friend.

Anthony, 20, was issued a summons last Friday at Denver International Airport while the Nuggets were waiting to board a flight to Milwaukee for an exhibition game.

"I am innocent of this charge because I did not use or intentionally possess marijuana. I had no idea that there was marijuana in my backpack," Anthony read from a statement before Thursday's exhibition game in Los Angeles against the Clippers. "I sincerely regret any embarrassment this unfortunate incident has had on my family, supporters and the Denver Nuggets organization. They have always stood by me, and that means the world to me."

Anthony's attorney, Daniel Recht, said that the marijuana was left there by an out-of-town friend who borrowed the backpack last week.

"The friend obviously uses marijuana and left a small amount in the backpack when he returned it to Carmelo," Recht said. "Carmelo had no idea there was any marijuana in the backpack."

Anthony was charged with possessing less than 1 ounce of marijuana, a petty offense with a maximum \$100 fine and no jail time.

Recht said Anthony's friend, James Cunningham of St. Louis, has signed an affidavit taking responsibility for leaving the marijuana in the backpack. Cunningham often stays with Anthony when he's in Denver on business.

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"Our position is that the city attorney has always been extremely fair, and I think that Carmelo ... we want him treated like everybody else," Nuggets General Manager Kiki Vandeweghe said. "We want all the facts to come to light, which I think that most or all of them have."

J. O'Neal to sit out rest of Pacers preseason

INDIANAPOLIS — Jermaine O'Neal's preseason appears to be finished because of a foot injury.

Indiana Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said Thursday that O'Neal probably would miss the remaining five exhibition games to rest a strained ligament in his left foot.

"Our hope is to get him back by the beginning of the regular season," Carlisle said.

Sharapova defeats V. Williams

ZURICH, Switzerland — Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova needed little more than an hour to defeat Venus Williams 6-3, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the Swisscom Challenge on Friday.

The seventh-seeded Williams, who won the tournament in 1999, broke the 17-year-old Russian's serve in the match's opening game. The fourth-seeded Sharapova broke Williams' serve twice on the way to winning the first set.

In the second set, Sharapova broke serve to lead 4-3 and held serve thereafter.

Sharapova's victory sets up an all-Russian semifinal with No. 3 Elena Dementieva.

LPGA Tour rookie falters in PGA Q-school

The Associated Press

LA QUINTA, Calif. — LPGA Tour rookie Isabelle Beisiegel shot her second consecutive 80 Thursday in the third round of the PGA Tour qualifying tournament, effectively ending her chance — at least for now — of becoming the first woman to

qualify for the men's tour.

Beisiegel's 54-hole total of 28-over 244 put her 81st in the 82-player field. Only the top 23 players and ties from the first-stage qualifying event on the Norman Course at PGA West advanced to the second stage of the three-day process.

Beisiegel will be 23 shots off

the qualifying number entering the final round. Her 8-over 80 was better than four players in the third round and she matched the score of seven others.

"I felt like today I had so many birdies that I left out there," she said. "I played really well. But the putting is just something that I've been struggling with."

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Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz, the ALCS MVP, provided clutch hitting as the Red Sox came back from an 0-3 series deficit.



St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols, the NLCS MVP, batted .500 with four homers and nine RBIs against the Houston Astros.



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Old rivals meet again

Cardinals-Red Sox played seven-game Series in 1946, '67

BY BEN WALKER

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The World Series logo was back on the field at Fenway Park, just like last year.

Only this time, it's for real. That's right, the 100th World Series opens Saturday night in the city where the Fall Classic began in 1903 with Cy Young pitching a complete game against Pittsburgh for the Boston Pilgrims, predecessor to the Red Sox.

Boston, seeking to win the World Series for the first time since 1918, will be playing the St. Louis Cardinals, the team that did in the Red Sox in Game 7 in 1946, then again in 1967.

Fenway Park, the smallest ballpark in the big leagues and one of baseball's jewels, will be hosting the Series for the first time since 1986, when Boston left home with a 3-2 lead only to watch Mookie Wilson's grounder squib through Bill Buckner's legs two nights later. With it went perhaps the best chance for the Red Sox to break Babe Ruth's Curse.

Now that they've pulverized those pinstriped Yankees, becoming the first major league team to win four in a row in the playoffs after losing the first three games, the Red Sox will try to roll over a team that won 105 games, the most in the majors.

"I think I appreciate where we are," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "But as far as that goes, that's it. The task at hand is all that's on our mind, because the task isn't over. When it's over, we can sit

back and think about a lot of things, and I'm sure that will bring a smile to my face."

Last year, the Red Sox drew the Cardinals when the Series logo on the field before the seventh game of the AL Championship Series in New York, only to have the Yankees rally from a four-run deficit to win on Aaron Boone's 11th-inning homer off Tim Lincecum.

On Wednesday, Boston went ahead early in Game 7 and beat New York 10-3. After celebrating in front of Yankee Stadium's monuments on Wednesday night, the Red Sox took Thursday off, then worked out at midday Friday in empty Fenway on a cool and cloudy day.

There figures to be a boisterous crowd Saturday night, with dry weather forecast and the temperature in the low 40s.

"This is all bonus time," said Kevin Millar, who will play first base for the Red Sox in Boston but make way for ALCS MVP David Ortiz when the designated hitter comes out of the lineup in St. Louis.

Boston is used to the charm of its own 92-year-old ballpark, which holds about 35,000 fans. There's the 37-foot-high Green Monster looming beyond left field, just 310 feet from home plate at the foul line. Across the way, there's Pesky's Pole in right, 302 feet from home, with a tricky fence that's only 3-to-5 feet high.

"It's a neat environment. Fans very close to the ballfield," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "A lot of passion, a lot of knowledge of the game."

St. Louis, which beat Houston 5-2 in Game 7 Thursday night to return to the World Series for the

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